

# GLICLAZIDE LUPIN MR

Active ingredient: gliclazide

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## Consumer Medicine Information

This leaflet provides important information about using Gliclazide Lupin MR. **You should also speak to your doctor or pharmacist if you would like further information or if you have any concerns or questions about using Gliclazide Lupin MR.**

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## 1. Why am I using Gliclazide Lupin MR?

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**Gliclazide Lupin MR contains the active ingredient gliclazide.**

Gliclazide Lupin MR belongs to a group of medicines called sulphonylureas. The medicine releases the active ingredient gliclazide progressively over 24 hours.

Glucose is used by the body as fuel, and all people have glucose circulating in their blood. In diabetes, levels of blood glucose are higher than is needed, which is also known as hyperglycaemia.

If your blood glucose is not properly controlled, you may experience hypoglycaemia (low blood glucose) or hyperglycaemia (high blood glucose). High blood glucose can lead to serious problems with our heart, circulation and/or kidneys.

It is very important to control high blood glucose whether or not you feel unwell. This really helps to avoid serious long-term health problems, which can involve the heart, eyes, circulation, and/or kidneys.

**GLICLAZIDE LUPIN MR is used to control blood glucose (sugar) in patients with type II diabetes mellitus.** This type of diabetes is also known as non-insulin-dependent diabetes (NIDDM), or maturity-onset diabetes.

GLICLAZIDE LUPIN MR is used when diet and exercise are not enough to control your blood glucose properly. It lowers blood glucose by increasing the amount of insulin (a hormone that controls blood glucose levels) produced by your pancreas. As with many medicines used for the treatment of diabetes, there is a possibility that blood glucose levels may become very low during treatment with GLICLAZIDE LUPIN MR. This is known as hypoglycaemia.

For more information, see “Recognising and treating hyPOglyacemia”, Section 5. What should I know while using GLICLAZIDE LUPIN MR?