

BTC Atorvastatin

Active ingredient(s): atorvastatin calcium trihydrate

Consumer Medicine Information

This leaflet provides important information about using BTC Atorvastatin. **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 BTC Atorvastatin.**

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1. Why am I using BTC Atorvastatin?

BTC Atorvastatin contains the active ingredient atorvastatin calcium trihydrate.

BTC Atorvastatin belongs to a group of medicines called HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors. It works by reducing the amount of cholesterol made by the liver. BTC Atorvastatin reduces the 'bad' cholesterol and can raise the 'good' cholesterol. BTC Atorvastatin also helps to protect you from a heart attack or stroke.

BTC Atorvastatin is used to help reduce the risk of having a heart attack or stroke in people who have

high blood pressure and coronary heart disease (CHD) or who are at risk of CHD. Examples of risk factors for CHD include diabetes, a history of stroke, or small blood vessel disease.

Ask your doctor if you have any questions about why BTC Atorvastatin has been prescribed for you.

Your doctor may have prescribed it for another reason.

BTC Atorvastatin is not addictive.

This medicine is available only with a doctor's prescription.

What is cholesterol?

Everyone has cholesterol in their blood. It is a type of blood fat needed by the body for many things, such as building the cell lining, making bile acids (which help to digest food) and some hormones. However, too much cholesterol can be a problem.

Cholesterol is present in many foods and is also made in your body by the liver. If your body makes too much cholesterol or you have too much cholesterol in your diet, then your level becomes too high.

High cholesterol is more likely to occur with certain diseases or if you have a family history of high cholesterol.