

OXYBUTYNIN

Other names: Apo-Oxybutynin[®] (tablets), Apo-Oxybutynin[®] (syrup), Oxytrol[®] (patch)



Important note: The following information is intended to add to, not replace, the knowledge and judgment of your doctor, pharmacist or other health care professional.

Why you are taking this medicine?

Oxybutynin works by relaxing the muscles around the bladder and stopping the bladder muscles going into spasm. This helps to control the release of urine.

Oxybutynin is used to treat different conditions of the urinary tract, such as urinary *frequency* (a need to pass urine often), urinary *urgency* (a need to pass urine urgently), and urinary *incontinence* (lack of control over passing urine).

When to take this medicine

This medicine is usually taken up to three times daily; take as directed by your doctor. Swallow the tablets with half a glass of water.

The patch (Oxytrol) is applied to dry intact skin on the abdomen, hip or buttock. Do not reapply to the same site within 7 days.

If you miss a dose

Take as soon as possible except when it is close to the time for your next dose. If it is almost time for next dose, skip the missed dose and return to your regular dosing schedule. You should not take two doses at the same time.

Side Effects

Unfortunately as well as having good effects, most medicines have some effects on your body that are unwanted. These are called *side effects*.

Call your doctor **immediately** if you have any of these side effects:

- severe skin rash
- swelling of your mouth or face
- having difficulty breathing or swallowing
- visual disturbances (having trouble seeing things properly)
- pain in your chest
- fast heart beat

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if any of these side effects worry you:

- dry mouth
- headache
- dizziness
- constipation
- drowsiness
- nausea (feeling sick)
- metallic taste
- decreased sweating

Oxybutynin increases your skin's sensitivity to sunlight, which may cause it to burn more easily. Wear a sunhat, protective clothing and sun block lotion (SPF >30) when going out in the sun and avoid times of high sun intensity and sunbeds.

The list of side effects is **not** complete. Tell your doctor or pharmacist if any side effects worry you.

Other Medication

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking any other medicine including herbal or complementary medicines or those you can buy without a prescription.

Oxybutynin can make you feel drowsy or affect your vision. Avoid driving or operating heavy machinery until you know the effect it has on you. Take care when combining this medication with alcohol as this may also cause drowsiness.

Storage

Keep all medicines out of reach of children.

Read this leaflet and discuss any questions you have about your medicines with your doctor or pharmacist.