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Taking carvedilol safely

carvedilol (Coreg) · beta blocker · heart failure and high blood pressure

3 MISTAKES TO AVOID

1. **Stopping it on your own**
   Can bring back chest pain or cause a heart attack. Taper only with your doctor.
2. **Leaving out conditions that matter**
   Asthma, severe liver disease, a slow heartbeat, or heart rhythm problems.
3. **Skipping the food**
   Take it with food every time to help prevent dizziness and fainting.

How to take it

- **Take with food every time.** It slows absorption and helps prevent dizziness, fainting, or a blood pressure drop when you stand.
- Stand up slowly, especially when you start or your dose changes.
- **Missed a dose?** Take it when you remember, unless it is almost time for the next one; then skip it. Never take 2 doses at once.

Never stop on your own

- **Stopping suddenly can bring back chest pain or cause a heart attack.** Never stop or change your dose without your doctor.
- If your doctor stops it, your dose is lowered slowly over 1-2 weeks.
- Tell your doctor if your heart rate drops below 55 beats a minute.

IMPORTANT

Not safe for everyone: asthma or other breathing problems, severe liver disease, a very slow heartbeat, heart block, or sick sinus syndrome.

Good to know

- Diabetes: carvedilol can hide the early warning signs of low blood sugar, like a fast heartbeat, and can sometimes raise blood sugar.
- Scheduled for cataract surgery? Tell your eye surgeon you take carvedilol.
- Don't drive or use machinery until you know how carvedilol affects you.

EMERGENCY: CALL 911

Hives, or swelling of the face, lips, tongue or throat, trouble breathing or swallowing: get medical help right away.

Pregnant, planning to be, or breastfeeding? Talk with your doctor about the best way to manage your blood pressure.

Questions? Ask Dr. Mike at fairviewpharm.com/medications

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