

Zemplar (paricalcitol) Capsules Safety Facts

Important Safety Facts About Zemplar Capsules¹

- You should not start or continue to take ZEMPLAR Capsules if you have symptoms of high calcium or vitamin D.
- Taking too much vitamin D or using it for a long time can cause very high calcium and vitamin D levels, which may cause serious health problems and the need for emergency medical care.
- Tell your doctor if you are having signs of high calcium levels, which include feeling tired, difficulty thinking clearly, loss of appetite, nausea, vomiting, constipation, increased thirst, increased urination and weight loss.
- Before and while taking ZEMPLAR, tell your doctor about all medications that you are taking, including prescription and nonprescription drugs, aluminum-containing compounds, supplements, and herbal preparations, or any change in your medical condition.

The most common side effects with the use of ZEMPLAR Capsules include diarrhea, nausea, swelling, allergic reaction, viral infection, high blood pressure, vomiting, inflammation of the throat and nose and dizziness.

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You have symptoms of high calcium or vitamin D.

Tell your doctor/healthcare provider...¹

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What to expect¹

- You should have blood tests to measure your blood levels of parathyroid hormone, calcium, and phosphorus while you are on ZEMPLAR
- Your doctor may order the tests more often when you begin ZEMPLAR or if your dose is changed
- Your doctor may adjust your dose based on the results of your blood tests

Zemplar Use ¹

Zemplar Capsules are a prescription medication. They are an active form of vitamin D used to prevent and treat secondary hyperparathyroidism (increased parathyroid hormone levels) in patients with Stage 3 or Stage 4 chronic kidney disease and in Stage 5 patients on dialysis.

Helpful resources

Zemplar Capsules are a prescription medication.¹

You are encouraged to report negative side effects of prescription drugs to the FDA. Visit www.fda.gov/medwatch or call 1-800-FDA-1088.

If you cannot afford your medication, contact www.pparx.org or call the toll-free phone number (1-888-4PPANOW) for assistance.

You can also call 1-877-ZEMPLAR (1-877-936-7527) for additional information and select Option 2 to find out whether other financial assistance options may be available.

Reference: 1. Zemplar® (paricalcitol) Capsules [package insert]. North Chicago, IL; Abbott Laboratories. See additional Important Safety Information [www.zemplar.com/safety-information.aspx] and Package Insert [www.rxabbott.com/pdf/Zemplarcappi.pdf] for details.