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# Premarin

**Generic name:** [conjugated estrogens](#) (oral) [ *KON-joo-gay-ted-ES-troe-jenz* ]**Drug class:** [Estrogens](#)Medically reviewed by [Melisa Puckey, BPharm](#). Last updated on Mar 1, 2024.[Uses](#) [Before taking](#) [Dosage](#) [What to avoid](#) [Side effects](#) [Interactions](#)

## What is Premarin?

Premarin tablets contain [conjugated estrogens](#), a mixture of estrogen hormones. Estrogen is a female sex hormone produced by the ovaries. Estrogen is necessary for many processes in the body.

Premarin is used to treat [menopause](#) symptoms such as [hot flashes](#) and vaginal changes, and to prevent [osteoporosis](#) (bone loss) in menopausal women.

Premarin is also used to replace estrogen in women with ovarian failure or other conditions that cause a lack of natural estrogen in the body.

You should not use Premarin if you have: undiagnosed vaginal bleeding, liver disease, a bleeding disorder, if you will have major surgery, or if you have ever had a heart attack, a stroke, a blood clot, or cancer of the breast, uterus/cervix, or vagina.

**Do not use if you are pregnant.**

Premarin may increase your risk of developing a condition that may lead to [uterine cancer](#). **Report any unusual vaginal bleeding right away.**

**Using this medicine can increase your risk of blood clots, stroke, or heart attack, or cancer of the breast, uterus, or ovaries.** Estrogen should not be used to prevent heart disease, stroke, or [dementia](#).

Have regular physical exams and self-examine your breasts for lumps on a monthly basis while using Premarin.

## Before taking this medicine

You should not use Premarin if you are allergic to estrogens, or if you have:

- unusual vaginal bleeding that has not been checked by a doctor;
- liver disease;
- a history of heart attack, stroke, or blood clot;

- an increased risk of having blood clots due to a heart problem or a hereditary blood disorder; or
- a history of hormone-related cancer, or cancer of the breast, uterus/cervix, or vagina.

**Do not use Premarin if you are pregnant.** Tell your doctor right away if you become pregnant during treatment.

Using this medicine can increase your risk of blood clots, stroke, or heart attack. You are even more at risk if you have [high blood pressure](#), diabetes, [high cholesterol](#), if you are [overweight](#), or if you smoke.

Estrogen should not be used to prevent heart disease, stroke, or dementia. This medicine may actually increase your risk of developing these conditions.

To make sure this medicine is safe for you, tell your doctor if you have ever had:

- a [hysterectomy](#);
- heart disease;
- liver problems, or [jaundice](#) caused by pregnancy or taking hormones;
- kidney disease;
- [gallbladder disease](#);
- [asthma](#);
- [epilepsy](#) or other seizure disorder;
- migraines;
- [lupus](#);
- [endometriosis](#) or uterine fibroid tumors;
- [hereditary angioedema](#);
- porphyria (a genetic enzyme disorder that causes symptoms affecting the skin or nervous system);
- a thyroid disorder; or
- high levels of calcium in your blood.

Use of Premarin may increase your risk of cancer of the breast, uterus, or ovaries. Talk with your doctor about this risk.

It may not be safe to breastfeed while using Premarin. Estrogen can slow breast milk production. Tell your doctor if your are breastfeeding.

 [Premarin pregnancy and breastfeeding warnings](#) (more detail)

## How should I take Premarin?

Take Premarin exactly as prescribed by your doctor. Follow all directions on your prescription label. Do not take this medicine in larger amounts or for longer than recommended.

Premarin may increase your risk of developing a condition that may lead to uterine cancer. Your doctor may prescribe a progestin to take while you are using Premarin, to help lower this risk. **Report any unusual vaginal bleeding right away.**

Read all patient information, medication guides, and instruction sheets provided to you. Ask your doctor or pharmacist if

you have any questions.

Premarin is sometimes taken on a daily basis. For certain conditions, the medicine is given in a cycle, such as 3 weeks on followed by 1 week off. Follow your doctor's instructions.

If you see what looks like part of a conjugated estrogen tablet in your stool, talk with your doctor.

Your doctor should check your progress on a regular basis to determine whether you should continue this treatment. Self-examine your breasts for lumps on a monthly basis, and have regular mammograms.

If you need major surgery or will be on long-term bed rest, you may need to stop using this medicine for a short time. Any doctor or surgeon who treats you should know that you are using Premarin.

Store at room temperature away from moisture, heat, and light.

 [Detailed Premarin dosage information](#)

## What happens if I miss a dose?

Take the missed dose as soon as you remember. Skip the missed dose if it is almost time for your next scheduled dose. Do not take extra medicine to make up the missed dose.

## What happens if I overdose?

Seek emergency medical attention or call the Poison Help line at 1-800-222-1222.

## What to avoid

**Avoid smoking. It can greatly increase your risk of blood clots, stroke, or heart attack while using conjugated estrogens.**

[Grapefruit](#) and [grapefruit juice](#) may interact with conjugated estrogens and lead to unwanted side effects. **Avoid the use of grapefruit products.**

## Premarin side effects

Get emergency medical help if you have **signs of an allergic reaction to Premarin**: [hives](#); difficult breathing; swelling of your face, lips, tongue, or throat.

Call your doctor at once if you have:

- **heart attack symptoms** - chest [pain](#) or pressure, pain spreading to your jaw or shoulder, sweating;
- **signs of a stroke** - sudden numbness or weakness (especially on one side of the body), sudden severe [headache](#), slurred speech, problems with vision or balance;
- **signs of a blood clot** - sudden vision loss, stabbing chest pain, coughing up blood, pain or warmth in one or both legs;
- swelling, rapid weight gain;

- jaundice (yellowing of the skin or eyes);
- memory problems, confusion, unusual behavior;
- unusual vaginal bleeding, pelvic pain;
- a lump in your breast; or
- **high levels of calcium in your blood** - [vomiting](#), [constipation](#), increased thirst or urination, muscle weakness, bone pain, lack of energy.

Common Premarin side effects may include:

- swelling;
- hair loss;
- numbness, tingling, burning pain;
- back pain, leg cramps, pain;
- bloating, gas, indigestion, nausea, vomiting, stomach pain;
- dizziness, headache;
- breast pain; or
- vaginal itching or discharge, changes in your menstrual periods, [breakthrough bleeding](#).

This is not a complete list of side effects and others may occur. Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

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Sometimes it is not safe to use certain medications at the same time. Some drugs can affect your blood levels of other drugs you take, which may increase side effects or make the medications less effective.

Many drugs can interact with conjugated estrogens. This includes prescription and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, and [herbal products](#). Not all possible interactions are listed in this medication guide. Tell your doctor about all your current medicines and any medicine you start or stop using.

 [Premarin drug interactions](#) (more detail)

## Does Premarin interact with my other drugs?

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## Further information

Remember, keep this and all other medicines out of the reach of children, never share your medicines with others, and use Premarin only for the indication prescribed.

Always consult your healthcare provider to ensure the information displayed on this page applies to your personal circumstances.

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#### Availability

**Rx** Prescription only

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**CSA Schedule\***

**N/A** Not a controlled drug

**Approval History**

**10+**  
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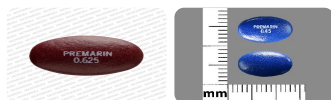
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