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Generic name: calcitonin nasal [kal-si-TOE-nin]

Drug class: Calcitonin



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The Miacalcin Nasal brand name has been **discontinued** in the U.S. If generic versions of this product have been approved by the FDA, there may be generic equivalents available.

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What is Miacalcin Nasal?

Calcitonin is a man-made form of a hormone that occurs naturally in the thyroid gland.

Miacalcin Nasal is used to treat osteoporosis in women who have been in menopause for at least 5 years.

Miacalcin Nasal may also be used for purposes not listed in this medication guide.

Miacalcin Nasal side effects

Get emergency medical help if you have any of these **signs of an allergic reaction:** hives; fast heartbeats; feeling lightheaded; chest pain, difficult breathing; swelling of your face, lips, tongue, or throat.

Miacalcin Nasal may cause serious side effects. Call your doctor at once if you have:

- a light-headed feeling, like you might pass out;
- · severe nasal irritation; or
- low levels of calcium in your blood--numbness or tingly feeling around your mouth, fast or slow heart rate, muscle tightness or contraction, overactive reflexes.

Common side effects of Miacalcin Nasal may include:

- bleeding from your nose;
- runny or stuffy nose;
- · dryness, itching, tenderness, or general discomfort of your nose; or

• crusting, scabs, or sores inside your nose.

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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Warnings

Follow all directions on your medicine label and package. Tell each of your healthcare providers about all your medical conditions, allergies, and all medicines you use.

Before taking this medicine

You should not use Miacalcin Nasal if you are allergic to salmon calcitonin.

To make sure Miacalcin Nasal is safe for you, tell your doctor if you have:

- high levels of calcium in your blood (hypercalcemia); or
- any nasal or sinus problems such as nasal deformities, a chronic infection, or nasal pain.

Using Miacalcin Nasal may increase your risk of developing certain types of cancer. Ask your doctor about your specific risk.

FDA pregnancy category C. It is not known whether Miacalcin Nasal will harm an unborn baby. Tell your doctor if you are pregnant or plan to become pregnant while using this medicine.

It is not known whether calcitonin nasal passes into breast milk or if it could harm a nursing baby. You should not breast-feed while using this medicine.

How should I use Miacalcin Nasal?

To make sure you are not allergic to calcitonin, your doctor may perform an allergy skin test before your first dose of this medicine.

Follow all directions on your prescription label. Do not use this medicine in larger or smaller amounts or for longer than recommended.

Miacalcin Nasal comes with patient instructions for safe and effective use. Follow these directions carefully. Ask your doctor or pharmacist if you have any questions.

Store unopened Miacalcin Nasal in the refrigerator but do not allow it to freeze.

Once you put the bottle and pump assembly together, you may keep the medicine at room temperature, away from light and heat. Store the bottle upright with the pump attached.

Before your first use of the assembled bottle and pump, you must prime the spray. Allow the medicine to reach room temperature before priming.

To prime Miacalcin Nasal, press the pump at least 5 times until a fine mist appears. **Prime the spray only before your** first use of the newly assembled bottle.

To use the nasal spray:

- Blow your nose gently. Keep your head upright and insert the tip of bottle into one nostril. Hold the nasal spray upright with your first and second fingers on each side of the pump and your thumb on the bottom of the bottle.
- Pump the spray unit firmly to spray the medicine into your nostril. You do not need to sniff or inhale deeply.
- Do not blow your nose for at least a few minutes after using the nasal spray.
- If the spray gets in your eyes or mouth or on your skin, rinse with water.

Miacalcin Nasal is usually given as **one spray per day into only one of your nostrils.** Use the other nostril the next day and continue alternating back and forth for each daily dose.

Miacalcin Nasal spray delivers a fine mist into the nose. Even if you do not feel the spray while using it, the medication is still being absorbed by your nasal passages.

Each bottle contains 30 doses of calcitonin nasal. Throw away the medicine after 30 uses, even if there is still medicine left in the bottle.

To be sure this medication is not causing harmful side effects to the inside of your nose, your doctor may want to check your nasal passages often.

Your doctor may have you take extra vitamin D while you are using Miacalcin Nasal. Take only the amount of vitamin D that your doctor has prescribed.

Detailed Miacalcin Nasal dosage information

What happens if I miss a dose?

Use the missed dose as soon as you remember. Skip the missed dose if it is almost time for your next scheduled dose. **Do not** use 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 should I avoid while using Miacalcin Nasal?

Avoid using any other nasal sprays or nasal medicines at the same time you use Miacalcin Nasal unless your doctor has told you to.

What other drugs will affect Miacalcin Nasal?

Other drugs may interact with calcitonin, including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, and herbal products. Tell each of your health care providers about all medicines you use now and any medicine you start or stop using.

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Does Miacalcin Nasal interact with my other drugs?

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