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**Generic name:** dicyclomine (oral/injection) [ dye-SYE-kloe-meen ]**Brand names:** [Bentyl](#), Dibent, Dicyclcot**Dosage forms:** intramuscular solution (10 mg/mL), oral capsule (10 mg), oral syrup (10 mg/5 mL), oral tablet (20 mg)**Drug class:** [Anticholinergics / antispasmodics](#)[Medically reviewed](#) by Drugs.com on Aug 4, 2023. Written by [Cerner Multum](#).[Uses](#) [Side effects](#) [Warnings](#) [Before taking](#) [Dosage](#) [Interactions](#)

## What is dicyclomine?

Dicyclomine is used to treat functional bowel or [irritable bowel syndrome](#).

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

## Dicyclomine side effects

Get emergency medical help if you have **signs of an allergic reaction**: hives; difficult breathing; swelling of your face, lips, tongue, or throat.

**Dicyclomine may cause serious side effects. Call your doctor at once if you have:**

- fast or slow heartbeats, pounding heartbeats or fluttering in your chest;
- confusion, [agitation](#), hallucinations, unusual thoughts or behavior;
- problems with memory or speech;
- problems with balance or muscle movement;
- diarrhea, severe [constipation](#), or worsening of bowel symptoms;
- trouble swallowing;
- bruising, swelling, or pain where a dicyclomine injection was given; or
- **dehydration** --dizziness, confusion, feeling very thirsty, less urination or sweating.

Confusion and mood or behavior changes may be more likely in older adults.

**Common side effects of dicyclomine may include:**

- [drowsiness](#), dizziness, weakness, nervousness;

- blurred vision;
- [dry mouth](#); or
- nausea.

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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**Many drugs can affect dicyclomine.** Tell your doctor about all your current medicines.

## Before taking this medicine

You should not use dicyclomine if you are allergic to it, or if you have:

- [glaucoma](#);
- a bladder obstruction or other urination problems;
- a blockage in your digestive tract (stomach or intestines);
- severe [ulcerative colitis](#);
- gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD);

- a serious heart condition and active bleeding;
- [myasthenia gravis](#); or
- if you are breastfeeding a baby.

Not approved for use by anyone younger than 18 years old. **Dicyclomine should never be given to a child younger than 6 months old.**

Tell your doctor if you have ever had:

- heart problems or [high blood pressure](#);
- a stroke;
- ulcerative colitis;
- an ileostomy or [colostomy](#);
- an [enlarged prostate](#); or
- liver or kidney disease.

Older adults may be more sensitive to the effects of dicyclomine.

Tell your doctor if you are pregnant.

**Do not breastfeed.**

## How should I take dicyclomine?

Follow all directions on your prescription label and read all medication guides or instruction sheets. Your doctor may occasionally change your dose. Use the medicine exactly as directed.

Dicyclomine **oral** is taken by mouth.

Measure **liquid medicine** with the supplied syringe or a dose-measuring device (not a kitchen spoon).

Dicyclomine **injection** is given in a muscle if you are unable to take the medicine by mouth.

Call your doctor if your symptoms do not improve after 2 weeks.

Store at room temperature away from moisture and heat.

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## Dicyclomine dosing information

### Usual Adult Dose for Irritable Bowel Syndrome:

Oral:

Initial dose: 20 mg orally four times a day

Maintenance dose: Up to 40 mg orally four times a day, after one week with initial dose

Comments:

- Discontinue this drug if efficacy is not achieved within 2 weeks or side effects require doses below 80 mg per day.
- Documented safety data are not available for doses above 80 mg daily for periods longer than 2 weeks.

Intramuscular:

10 to 20 mg four times a day

Duration of therapy: 1 or 2 weeks, when patient cannot take oral form

Comments: Administer injection via IM only

Uses: Treatment of patients with functional bowel/irritable bowel syndrome

 [Detailed Dicyclomine dosage information](#)

## What happens if I miss a dose?

Skip the missed dose and use your next dose at the regular time. **Do not** use two doses at one time.

## What happens if I overdose?

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

Overdose can cause nausea, vomiting, dilated pupils, weakness or loss of movement in any part of your body, trouble swallowing, [fainting](#), or seizure (convulsions).

## What should I avoid while taking dicyclomine?

May cause dizziness or blurred vision. Avoid driving or hazardous activity until you know how dicyclomine will affect you.

Avoid becoming overheated or dehydrated during exercise and in hot weather. Dicyclomine can decrease sweating and you may be more prone to heat stroke. **Tell your doctor if you have a fever while taking dicyclomine.**

Avoid using an antacid. Antacids can make it harder for your body to absorb dicyclomine **oral**.

## What other drugs will affect dicyclomine?

Using dicyclomine with other drugs that make you drowsy can worsen this effect. Ask your doctor before using opioid medication, a sleeping pill, a muscle relaxer, or medicine for anxiety or seizures.

**Tell your doctor about all your current medicines.** Many drugs can affect dicyclomine, especially:

- bronchodilator asthma medication;
- cold or allergy medicine ([Benadryl](#) and others);
- glaucoma medication;
- heart medication;
- medicine to treat [depression](#), anxiety, mood disorders, or mental illness;
- medicine to treat [overactive bladder](#);

- medicine to treat [Parkinson's disease](#); or
- medicine to treat stomach problems, [motion sickness](#), or irritable bowel syndrome.

**This list is not complete and many other drugs may affect dicyclomine.** This includes prescription and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, and [herbal products](#). Not all possible [drug interactions](#) are listed here.

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