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VoLumen

Generic name: [Barium Suspension](#) [*BA-ree-um*]

Brand names: [Digibar 190](#), [E-Z-Cat Dry](#), [E-Z-Dose](#), [E-Z-HD](#), [E-Z-Paque](#), ... [show all 19 brands](#)

Drug class: [Non-iodinated contrast media](#)

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Uses of VoLumen:

- It is used before an x-ray or an alike test.

What do I need to tell my doctor BEFORE I take VoLumen?

- If you have an [allergy](#) to barium or any other part of [VoLumen](#) (barium suspension).
- If you are allergic to VoLumen (barium suspension); any part of VoLumen (barium suspension); or any other drugs, foods, or substances. Tell your doctor about the allergy and what signs you had.
- If you have had any of these health problems: Blockage, hole, bleeding, injury, burn, or blood flow problems in the GI (gastrointestinal) tract; slow-moving GI (gastrointestinal) tract; or a problem called toxic megacolon.
- If you have had a recent hole in the GI (gastrointestinal) tract, GI [surgery](#), or radiation to the pelvic area.
- If you have trouble swallowing or have inhaled food, liquids, saliva, or vomit into your lungs.
- If you are not able to break down fructose.

This is not a list of all drugs or health problems that interact with VoLumen (barium suspension).

Tell your doctor and pharmacist about all of your drugs (prescription or OTC, natural products, [vitamins](#)) and health problems. You must check to make sure that it is safe for you to take VoLumen (barium suspension) with all of your drugs and health problems. Do not start, stop, or change the dose of any drug without checking with your doctor.

What are some things I need to know or do while I take VoLumen?

- Tell all of your health care providers that you take VoLumen (barium suspension). This includes your doctors, nurses, pharmacists, and dentists.
- Very bad and sometimes deadly [allergic reactions](#) have rarely happened. Talk with your doctor.
- This medicine prevents many other drugs from getting into the body. If you take other drugs, check with your doctor

or pharmacist to see if you need to take them at some other time than VoLumen (barium suspension).

- To prevent [constipation](#) or bowel block from VoLumen (barium suspension), your doctor may have you use a laxative like [milk of magnesia](#) or [lactulose](#) after using VoLumen (barium suspension). Follow what your doctor has told you.
- Drink lots of noncaffeine liquids after using VoLumen (barium suspension) unless told to drink less liquid by your doctor.
- Some products have [sorbitol](#) in them. Very bad health problems like [low blood sugar](#), bleeding, and [kidney failure](#) have happened when people who are not able to break down fructose took a product with sorbitol in it. Talk with the doctor.
- If you are 65 or older, use VoLumen (barium suspension) with care. You could have more side effects.
- Tell your doctor if you are pregnant, plan on getting pregnant, or are breast-feeding. You will need to talk about the benefits and risks to you and the baby.

How is this medicine (VoLumen) best taken?

Use VoLumen (barium suspension) as ordered by your doctor. Read all information given to you. Follow all instructions closely.

- Be sure you know how to take VoLumen (barium suspension). Talk with your doctor if you have questions.
- Shake well before use.
- Most of the time, VoLumen (barium suspension) is taken by mouth. Take as you have been told by your doctor.
- Some brands of VoLumen (barium suspension) are to be taken with food. Some brands may be taken with or without food. Ask your pharmacist if you need to take your brand with food.
- Some products may be used as an enema. If you are using VoLumen (barium suspension) as an enema, it will be given rectally by your doctor.

What do I do if I miss a dose?

- Call your doctor to find out what to do.

 [Detailed Volumen dosage information](#)

What are some side effects that I need to call my doctor about right away?

WARNING/CAUTION: Even though it may be rare, some people may have very bad and sometimes deadly side effects when taking a drug. Tell your doctor or get medical help right away if you have any of the following signs or symptoms that may be related to a very bad side effect:

- Signs of an allergic reaction, like [rash](#); hives; [itching](#); red, swollen, blistered, or peeling skin with or without [fever](#); [wheezing](#); tightness in the chest or throat; trouble breathing, swallowing, or talking; unusual hoarseness; or swelling of the mouth, face, lips, tongue, or throat.
- Severe constipation or stomach pain. These may be signs of a severe bowel problem.
- Very bad dizziness or passing out.
- Weakness on 1 side of the body, trouble speaking or thinking, change in balance, drooping on one side of the face, or blurred eyesight.

- Call your doctor right away if you have signs of a blood clot like chest pain or pressure; coughing up blood; [shortness of breath](#); swelling, warmth, numbness, change of color, or pain in a leg or arm; or trouble speaking or swallowing.

 [Volumen side effects](#) (more detail)

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What are some other side effects of VoLumen?

All drugs may cause side effects. However, many people have no side effects or only have minor side effects. Call your doctor or get medical help if any of these side effects or any other side effects bother you or do not go away:

- [Upset stomach](#) or throwing up.
- [Diarrhea](#).
- Stomach cramps.

These are not all of the side effects that may occur. If you have questions about side effects, call your doctor. Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects.

You may report side effects to the FDA at 1-800-332-1088. You may also report side effects at <https://www.fda.gov/medwatch>.

If OVERDOSE is suspected:

If you think there has been an overdose, call your poison control center or get medical care right away. Be ready to tell or show what was taken, how much, and when it happened.

How do I store and/or throw out VoLumen?

- Most of the time, VoLumen (barium suspension) will be given in a hospital or doctor's office. If stored at home, follow how to store as you were told by the doctor.
- Keep all drugs in a safe place. Keep all drugs out of the reach of children and pets.

- Throw away unused or expired drugs. Do not flush down a toilet or pour down a drain unless you are told to do so. Check with your pharmacist if you have questions about the best way to throw out drugs. There may be drug take-back programs in your area.

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- If your symptoms or health problems do not get better or if they become worse, call your doctor.
- Do not share your drugs with others and do not take anyone else's drugs.
- Some drugs may have another patient information leaflet. Check with your pharmacist. If you have any questions about VoLumen (barium suspension), please talk with your doctor, nurse, pharmacist, or other health care provider.
- If you think there has been an overdose, call your poison control center or get medical care right away. Be ready to tell or show what was taken, how much, and when it happened.

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