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Generic name: [benzonatate](#) [*ben-ZOE-na-tate*]**Drug class:** [Antitussives](#)[Medically reviewed](#) by Drugs.com on Aug 3, 2023. Written by [Cerner Multum](#).[Uses](#) [Side effects](#) [Warnings](#) [Before taking](#) [Dosage](#) [Interactions](#) [FAQ](#)

What is Tessalon Perles?

Tessalon Perles is used to relieve coughing.

Tessalon Perles is a non-narcotic [cough](#) medicine that numbs the throat and lungs, making the cough reflex less active.

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

Tessalon Perles side effects

Stop taking Tessalon Perles and get emergency medical help if you have **signs of an allergic reaction**: hives; difficult breathing; swelling of your face, lips, tongue, or throat.

Tessalon Perles may cause serious side effects. Call your doctor at once if you have:

- severe [drowsiness](#) or dizziness;
- confusion, hallucinations.
- ongoing numbness or tingling in your mouth, throat, or face;
- numbness in your chest;
- a choking feeling;
- chills; or
- burning in your eyes.

Some of these side effects may result from chewing or sucking on a Tessalon Perles capsule.

Common side effects of Tessalon Perles may include:

- [headache](#), dizziness;
- [nausea](#), [upset stomach](#);

- [constipation](#);
- [itching, rash](#); or
- stuffy 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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Never suck or chew on a Tessalon Perles capsule. Swallow the pill whole. Sucking or chewing the capsule may cause serious side effects.

Tessalon Perles is not approved for use by anyone younger than 10 years old. **An overdose of benzonatate can be fatal to a young child.**

Before taking this medicine

You should not use Tessalon Perles if you are allergic to Tessalon Perles or topical numbing medicines such as [tetracaine](#) or procaine (found in some insect bite and [sunburn](#) creams).

Tell your doctor if you are pregnant or breastfeeding.

Tessalon Perles is not approved for use by anyone younger than 10 years old. **An overdose of benzonatate can be fatal, especially to a young child who has accidentally swallowed the medicine.**

How should I take Tessalon Perles?

Follow all directions on your prescription label and read all medication guides or instruction sheets. Use the medicine exactly as directed.

Never suck or chew on a Tessalon Perles capsule. Swallow the pill whole. Sucking or chewing the capsule may cause serious side effects.

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

 [Detailed Tessalon Perles 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. **An overdose of Tessalon Perles can be fatal, especially to a child.** Accidental death has occurred in children under 10 years old.

Overdose symptoms may include tremors, feeling restless, seizure (convulsions), [slow heart rate](#), weak pulse, [fainting](#), and slow breathing (breathing may stop).

What should I avoid while taking benzonatate?

Avoid eating or drinking anything while you feel numbness or tingling in your mouth or throat.

What other drugs will affect Tessalon Perles?

Using Tessalon Perles 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](#).

Other drugs may affect Tessalon Perles, including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, [vitamins](#), and [herbal products](#). Tell your doctor about all your current medicines and any medicine you start or stop using.

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

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