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NoDoz

Generic name: [Caffeine Capsules and Tablets](#) [*cah-FEEN*]

Brand names: NoDoz, [Vivarin](#)

Drug class: [CNS stimulants](#)

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Uses of NoDoz:

- It is used to make you more [alert](#).

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

For all patients taking [NoDoz](#) ([caffeine](#) capsules and tablets):

- If you have an [allergy](#) to caffeine or any other part of NoDoz (caffeine capsules and tablets).
- If you are allergic to NoDoz (caffeine capsules and tablets); any part of NoDoz (caffeine capsules and tablets); or any other drugs, foods, or substances. Tell your doctor about the allergy and what signs you had.

Children:

- If your child is younger than 12 years of age. Do not give NoDoz (caffeine capsules and tablets) to a child younger than 12 years of age.

This medicine may interact with other drugs or health problems.

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 NoDoz (caffeine capsules and tablets) 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 NoDoz?

- Tell all of your health care providers that you take NoDoz (caffeine capsules and tablets). This includes your doctors, nurses, pharmacists, and dentists.
- Do not take NoDoz (caffeine capsules and tablets) for longer than you were told by your doctor.
- Limit your use of caffeine (for example, tea, coffee, cola) and chocolate. Use with NoDoz (caffeine capsules and tablets) may cause nervousness, shakiness, and a fast heartbeat.

- This medicine is not to be used instead of sleeping. Talk with the doctor.
- 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 (NoDoz) best taken?

Use NoDoz (caffeine capsules and tablets) as ordered by your doctor. Read all information given to you. Follow all instructions closely.

- Take with or without food.

What do I do if I miss a dose?

- This medicine is taken on an as needed basis. Do not take more often than told by the doctor.

i [Detailed NoDoz 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.
- A [fast heartbeat](#).

i [NoDoz side effects](#) (more detail)

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What are some other side effects of NoDoz?

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:

- Feeling nervous and excitable.
- Feeling irritable.
- Trouble sleeping.

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 NoDoz?

- Store at room temperature.
- Store in a dry place. Do not store in a bathroom.
- 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 NoDoz (caffeine capsules and tablets), 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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CSA Schedule*

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