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Empagliflozin and linagliptin

Generic name: empagliflozin and linagliptin [*EM-pa-gli-FLOE-zin-and-LIN-a-GLIP-tin*]

Brand name: [Glyxambi](#)

Dosage form: oral tablet (10 mg-5 mg; 25 mg-5 mg)

Drug class: [Antidiabetic combinations](#)



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What is empagliflozin and linagliptin?

[Empagliflozin](#) and [linagliptin](#) is a combination medicine used together with diet and exercise to improve blood sugar control in adults with type 2 [diabetes mellitus](#).

Empagliflozin and linagliptin is also used to lower the risk of death from [heart attack](#), stroke, or [heart failure](#) in adults with [type 2 diabetes](#) who also have [heart disease](#).

empagliflozin and linagliptin is not for treating type 1 diabetes.

Empagliflozin and linagliptin may also be used for purposes not listed in this medication guide.

Empagliflozin and linagliptin side effects

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

Seek medical attention right away if you have signs of a serious genital infection (penis or vagina): burning, itching, odor, discharge, pain, tenderness, redness or swelling of the genital or rectal area, fever, not feeling well. **These symptoms may get worse quickly.**

Empagliflozin and linagliptin may cause serious side effects. Call your doctor at once if you have:

- pain and burning when you urinate, painful urination;
- a light-headed feeling, like you might pass out;
- **low blood sugar**--headache, hunger, sweating, irritability, dizziness, [fast heart rate](#), and feeling anxious or shaky;
- **heart problems**--swelling, rapid weight gain, feeling short of breath; or
- **dehydration**--dizziness, confusion, feeling very thirsty, less urination.

Stop taking this medicine and call your doctor at once if you have:

- severe or ongoing pain in your joints;
- **serious skin reaction**--itching, blisters, breakdown of the outer layer of skin;
- **ketoacidosis (too much acid in the blood)**--nausea, vomiting, stomach pain, confusion, unusual drowsiness, or trouble breathing; or
- **pancreatitis**--severe pain in your upper stomach spreading to your back, nausea and vomiting.

Common side effects of empagliflozin and linagliptin may include:

- a [bladder infection](#); or
- [cold symptoms](#) such as runny or stuffy nose, sneezing, sore throat.

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

Stop taking empagliflozin and linagliptin and call your doctor at once if you have **signs of a serious side effect**, such as severe stomach pain (may spread to your back), vomiting, tiredness, or trouble breathing.

Tell your doctor if you are sick with vomiting or diarrhea, or if you eat or drink less than usual.

This medicine can cause serious infections around the penis or vagina. Get medical help right away if you have burning, itching, odor, discharge, pain, tenderness, redness or swelling of the genital or rectal area, fever, or if you don't feel well.

Before taking this medicine

You should not use this medicine if you are allergic to empagliflozin or linagliptin, or if you have:

- severe kidney disease (or if you are on dialysis);
- a history of severe allergic or skin reaction after taking empagliflozin or linagliptin; or
- [diabetic ketoacidosis](#) (call your doctor for treatment).

Tell your doctor if you have ever had:

- liver or kidney disease;
- a bladder infection or urination problems;
- a pancreas disorder;
- heart failure;
- gallstones;
- a genital infection (penis or vagina);
- alcoholism, or if you currently drink large amounts of alcohol;
- if you are on a low salt diet;
- if you are 65 or older;
- if you have a planned surgery; or
- [high cholesterol](#) or triglycerides.

Follow your doctor's instructions about using this medicine **if you are pregnant or you become pregnant**. Controlling diabetes is very important during pregnancy.

You should not use empagliflozin and linagliptin during the second or third trimester of pregnancy.

Do not breastfeed.

How should I take empagliflozin and linagliptin?

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.

Empagliflozin and linagliptin is usually taken in the morning, with or without food.

Your blood sugar will need to be checked often, and you may also need to test the level of ketones in your urine.

Empagliflozin can cause life-threatening ketoacidosis (too much acid in the blood). Even if your blood sugar is normal, contact your doctor if a urine test shows that you have high ketones in the urine.

Blood sugar can be affected by stress, illness, surgery, exercise, alcohol use, or skipping meals.

[Low blood sugar \(hypoglycemia\)](#) can make you feel very hungry, dizzy, irritable, or shaky. To quickly treat [hypoglycemia](#), eat or drink hard candy, crackers, raisins, fruit juice, or non-diet soda. Your doctor may prescribe glucagon injection in case of severe hypoglycemia.

You may get dehydrated during prolonged illness. Call your doctor if you are sick with vomiting or diarrhea, or if you eat or drink less than usual.

empagliflozin and linagliptin can affect the results of certain lab tests for glucose (sugar) in the urine. Tell any doctor who treats you that you are using empagliflozin and linagliptin.

Your treatment may also include diet, exercise, weight control, and special medical care.

Store at room temperature away from moisture and heat.

Empagliflozin and linagliptin dosing information

Usual Adult Dose for Diabetes Type 2:

Initial dose: Empagliflozin 10 mg-linagliptin 5 mg orally once a day in the morning

-For patients tolerating therapy, may increase to empagliflozin 25 mg-linagliptin 5 mg once a day

Maximum dose: Empagliflozin 25 mg-linagliptin 5 mg per day

Comments:

-Not recommended in patients with [type 1 diabetes mellitus](#) as it may increase the risk of diabetic ketoacidosis in these patients.

-Has not been studied in patients with a history of [pancreatitis](#) and it is not known whether patients with a history of pancreatitis are at increased risk for the development of pancreatitis during therapy.

-When used in combination with insulin or insulin secretagogues, a lower dose of the insulin secretagogues or insulin may be necessary to reduce the risk of hypoglycemia.

Uses:

-As an adjunct to diet and exercise to improve glycemic control in adults with type 2 diabetes mellitus.

-Empagliflozin is indicated to reduce the risk of cardiovascular death in patients with diabetes mellitus and established cardiovascular disease.

 [Detailed Empagliflozin / linagliptin dosage information](#)

What happens if I miss a dose?

Take the medicine as soon as you can, but skip the missed dose if it is almost time for your next dose. **Do not** take 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.

What should I avoid while taking empagliflozin and linagliptin?

Avoid drinking alcohol.

Avoid getting up too fast from a sitting or lying position, or you may feel dizzy.

What other drugs will affect empagliflozin and linagliptin?

Other drugs may increase or decrease the effects of empagliflozin and linagliptin on lowering your blood sugar.

Tell your doctor about all your current medicines and any you start or stop using, especially:

- insulin, or other oral diabetes medicine;
- rifampin (to treat [tuberculosis](#)); or
- a diuretic or "water pill."

This list is not complete. Other drugs may affect empagliflozin and linagliptin, including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, and [herbal products](#). Not all possible interactions are listed in this medication guide.

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Does empagliflozin/linagliptin interact with my other drugs?

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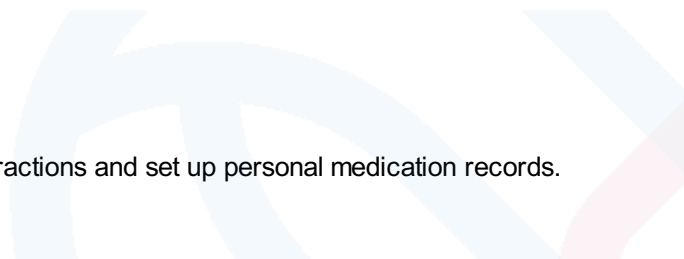
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