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Mevacor

Generic name: [Lovastatin Tablets](#) [*LOE-va-STAT-in*]

Drug class: [Statins](#)

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The Mevacor brand name has been **discontinued** in the U.S. If generic versions of this product have been approved by the FDA, there may be [generic equivalents available](#).

Uses of Mevacor:

- It is used to slow the progress of [heart disease](#).
- It is used to prevent heart attacks.
- It is used to prevent chest pain.
- It is used to lower bad cholesterol and raise good cholesterol (HDL).
- It is used to lower triglycerides.
- It may be given to you for other reasons. Talk with the doctor.

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

- If you have an [allergy](#) to [lovastatin](#) or any other part of [Mevacor](#) (lovastatin tablets).
- If you are allergic to Mevacor (lovastatin tablets); any part of Mevacor (lovastatin tablets); or any other drugs, foods, or substances. Tell your doctor about the allergy and what signs you had.
- If you have any of these health problems: Active [liver disease](#) or a rise in liver enzymes.
- If you take any drugs (prescription or OTC, natural products, [vitamins](#)) that must not be taken with Mevacor (lovastatin tablets), like certain drugs that are used for [hepatitis C](#), HIV, or infections. There are many drugs that must not be taken with Mevacor (lovastatin tablets).
- If you are pregnant or may be pregnant. Do not take Mevacor (lovastatin tablets) if you are pregnant.
- If you are breast-feeding. Do not breast-feed while you take Mevacor (lovastatin tablets).

This is not a list of all drugs or health problems that interact with Mevacor (lovastatin tablets).

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 Mevacor (lovastatin 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 Mevacor?

- Tell all of your health care providers that you take Mevacor (lovastatin tablets). This includes your doctors, nurses, pharmacists, and dentists.
- If you have [high blood sugar \(diabetes\)](#), you will need to watch your blood sugar closely.
- Have blood work checked as you have been told by the doctor. Talk with the doctor.
- Follow the diet and workout plan that your doctor told you about.
- Do not take more than what your doctor told you to take. Taking more than you are told may raise your chance of very bad side effects.
- Avoid grapefruit and [grapefruit juice](#).
- Talk with your doctor before you drink alcohol.
- If you are 65 or older, use Mevacor (lovastatin tablets) with care. You could have more side effects.
- This medicine may cause harm to the unborn baby if you take it while you are pregnant.
- Use [birth control](#) that you can trust to prevent pregnancy while taking Mevacor (lovastatin tablets).
- If you are pregnant or you get pregnant while taking Mevacor (lovastatin tablets), call your doctor right away.

How is this medicine (Mevacor) best taken?

Use Mevacor (lovastatin tablets) as ordered by your doctor. Read all information given to you. Follow all instructions closely.

- Take with the evening meal if taking once daily.
- Keep taking Mevacor (lovastatin tablets) as you have been told by your doctor or other health care provider, even if you feel well.

What do I do if I miss a dose?

- Take a missed dose as soon as you think about it.
- If it is close to the time for your next dose, skip the missed dose and go back to your normal time.
- Do not take 2 doses at the same time or extra doses.

 [Detailed Mevacor 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.
- Not able to pass urine or change in how much urine is passed.
- This medicine may cause [muscle pain](#), tenderness, or weakness. Sometimes, a very bad muscle problem may happen that may lead to kidney problems. Rarely, deaths have happened in people who get these problems when taking drugs like this one. Call your doctor right away if you have muscle pain, tenderness, or weakness that is not normal (with or without fever or feeling out of sorts). Call your doctor right away if you have muscle signs that last after your doctor has told you to stop taking Mevacor (lovastatin tablets).
- Liver problems have happened with drugs like this one. Sometimes, this has been deadly. Call your doctor right away if you have signs of liver problems like dark urine, feeling tired, not hungry, [upset stomach](#) or stomach pain, light-colored stools, throwing up, or yellow skin or eyes.

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What are some other side effects of Mevacor?

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:

- [Headache](#).
- [Back pain](#).
- Flu-like signs.

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 Mevacor?

- Store at room temperature.
- Protect from light.
- 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 Mevacor (lovastatin 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*

N/A Not a controlled drug

Approval History

10+ years FDA approved 1987



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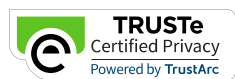
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