

Summary of Information about Amlodipine Besylate Tablets 2.5 mg, 5 mg and 10 mg (Rx Only)

Read this information carefully before you start amlodipine besylate tablets and each time you refill your prescription. There may be new information. This information does not replace talking with your doctor. If you have any questions about amlodipine besylate tablets, ask your doctor. Your doctor will know if amlodipine besylate tablets is right for you.

What is amlodipine besylate?

Amlodipine besylate is a type of medicine known as a calcium channel blocker (CCB). It is used to treat high blood pressure (hypertension) and a type of chest pain called angina. It can be used by itself or with other medicines to treat these conditions.

High Blood Pressure (Hypertension)

High blood pressure comes from blood pushing too hard against your blood vessels. Amlodipine besylate relaxes your blood vessels which lets your blood flow more easily and helps lower your blood pressure. Drugs that lower blood pressure lower your risk of having a stroke or heart attack.

Angina

Angina is a pain or discomfort that keeps coming back when part of your heart does not get enough blood. Angina feels like a pressing or squeezing pain, usually in your chest under the breast bone. Sometimes you can feel it in your shoulders, arms, neck, jaws, or back. Amlodipine besylate can relieve this pain.

Who should not use amlodipine besylate?

Do not use amlodipine besylate if you are allergic to amlodipine, (the active ingredient in amlodipine besylate), or to the inactive ingredients. Your doctor or pharmacist can give you a list of these ingredients.

What should I tell my doctor before taking amlodipine besylate?

Tell your doctor about any prescription and non-prescription medicines you are taking, including natural or herbal remedies.

Tell your doctor if you:

- ever had heart disease
- ever had liver problems
- are pregnant, or plan to become pregnant. Your doctor will decide if amlodipine besylate is the best treatment for you.
- are breast feeding. Do not breastfeed while taking amlodipine besylate. You can stop breastfeeding or take a different medicine.

How should I take amlodipine besylate?

- Take amlodipine besylate once a day, with or without food. You can take amlodipine besylate with most drinks, including grapefruit juice.
- It may be easier to take your dose if you do it at the same time every day, such as with breakfast, dinner, or at bedtime. Do not take more than one dose of amlodipine besylate at a time.
- If you miss a dose, take it as soon as you remember. Do not take amlodipine besylate if it has been more than 12 hours since you missed your last dose. Wait and take the next dose at your regular time.

- **Other medicines:** You can use nitroglycerin and amlodipine besylate together. If you take nitroglycerin for angina, don't stop taking it while you are taking amlodipine besylate.
- While you are taking amlodipine besylate, do not stop taking your other prescription medicines, including any other blood pressure medicines, without talking to your doctor.
- If you took too much amlodipine besylate, call your doctor or Poison Control Center, or go to the nearest hospital emergency room right away.

What should I avoid while taking amlodipine besylate?

- **Do not** breastfeed. It is not known if amlodipine besylate will pass through your milk.
- **Do not** start any new prescription or non-prescription medicines or supplements, unless you check with your doctor first.

What are the possible side effects of amlodipine besylate

Amlodipine besylate may cause the following side effects. Most side effects are mild or moderate:

- headache
- swelling of your legs or ankles
- tiredness, extreme sleepiness
- stomach pain, nausea
- dizziness
- flushing (hot or warm feeling in your face)
- arrhythmia (irregular heartbeat)
- heart palpitations (very fast heartbeat)

It is rare, but when you first start amlodipine besylate or increase your dose, you may have a heart attack or your angina may get worse. If that happens, call your doctor right away or go directly to a hospital emergency room. Tell your doctor if you are concerned about any side effects you experience. These are not all the possible side effects of amlodipine besylate. For a complete list, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

How do I store amlodipine besylate?

Keep amlodipine besylate away from children. Store amlodipine besylate tablets at 20° to 25°C (68° to 77°F), excursions permitted to 15° to 30°C (59° to 86°F) (see USP Controlled Room Temperature). Keep amlodipine besylate out of the light. Do not store in the bathroom. Keep amlodipine besylate in a dry place.

General advice about amlodipine besylate

Sometimes, doctors will prescribe a medicine for a condition that is not written in the patient information leaflets. Only use amlodipine besylate the way your doctor told you to. Do not give amlodipine besylate to other people, even if they have the same symptoms you have. It may harm them. You can ask your pharmacist or doctor for information about amlodipine besylate.