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Coreg

Generic Name: carvedilol (KAR ve dil ole)

Brand Names: *Coreg*, *Coreg CR*

What is Coreg?

Coreg is in a group of drugs called beta-blockers. Beta-blockers affect the heart and circulation (blood flow through arteries and veins).

Coreg is used to treat heart failure and hypertension (high blood pressure). It is also used to treat or prevent heart attack.

Coreg may also be used for other purposes not listed in this medication guide.

Important information about Coreg

You should not take Coreg if you are allergic to carvedilol, or if you have asthma, bronchitis, [emphysema](#), severe liver disease, or a serious heart condition such as heart block, sick sinus syndrome, or slow heart rate (unless you have a pacemaker).

If you need to have any type of surgery, you may need to temporarily stop using Coreg. Be sure the surgeon knows ahead of time that you are using Coreg.

Do not stop taking Coreg without first talking to your doctor. Stopping suddenly may make your condition worse. This medication can cause side effects that may impair your thinking or reactions. Be careful if you drive or do anything that requires you to be awake and alert. Avoid drinking alcohol within 2 hours before or after taking extended-release carvedilol (Coreg CR). Also avoid taking medicines or other products that might contain alcohol. Alcohol may cause the carvedilol in Coreg CR to be released too quickly into the [body](#).

Coreg is only part of a complete program of treatment for hypertension that may also include diet, [exercise](#), and weight control. Follow your diet, medication, and exercise routines very closely if you are being treated for hypertension.

Hypertension often has no symptoms, so you may not even feel that you have high blood pressure. Continue using this medicine as directed, even if you feel well. You may need to use blood pressure medication for the rest of your life.

What should I discuss with my healthcare provider before taking Coreg?

You should not take Coreg if you are allergic to carvedilol, or if you have:



- asthma, bronchitis, emphysema;
- severe liver disease; or
- a serious heart condition such as heart block, sick sinus syndrome, or slow heart rate (unless you have a pacemaker).

Before taking Coreg, tell your doctor if you have:

- diabetes (taking Coreg can make it harder for you to tell when you have low blood sugar);
- low blood pressure;
- congestive heart failure;
- depression;
- kidney disease;
- a thyroid disorder;
- myasthenia gravis;
- pheochromocytoma; or
- problems with circulation (such as Raynaud's syndrome).

If you have any of these conditions, you may need a dose adjustment or special tests to safely take this medication.

FDA pregnancy category C. It is not known whether Coreg is harmful to an unborn [baby](#). Before using this medication, tell your doctor if you are pregnant or plan to become pregnant during treatment. It is not known whether carvedilol passes into breast milk or if it could harm a nursing baby. Do not use this medication without telling your doctor if you are breast-feeding a baby.

See also: Coreg pregnancy and breastfeeding warnings (in more detail)

How should I take Coreg?

Take Coreg exactly as it was prescribed for you. Do not take the medication in larger amounts or for longer than recommended by your doctor. Follow the directions on your prescription label.

Coreg comes with patient instructions for safe and effective use. Follow these directions carefully. Ask your doctor or pharmacist if you have any questions.

Take this medication with a full glass of water. Take Coreg at the same time every day. Do not skip doses or stop taking Coreg without first talking to your doctor. Stopping suddenly may make your condition worse.

You may open the carvedilol extended-release capsule and sprinkle the medicine into a spoonful of applesauce to make swallowing easier. Swallow this mixture right away without chewing. Do not save the mixture for later use. Discard the empty capsule.

If you are switched from Coreg tablets to Coreg extended-release capsules (Coreg CR), your daily total dose of this medicine may be higher or lower than before. Older adults may be more likely to become dizzy or feel faint when switching from tablets to extended-release capsules. Follow your doctor's instructions.

To be sure this medication is helping your condition, your blood pressure will need to be checked on a regular basis. It is important that you not miss any scheduled visits to your doctor.

If you need to have any type of surgery, tell the surgeon that you are using Coreg. You may need to briefly stop using Coreg before having surgery.

Coreg is only part of a complete program of treatment for hypertension that may also include diet, exercise, and weight control. Follow your diet, medication, and exercise routines very closely if you are being treated for hypertension.

Hypertension often has no symptoms, so you may not even feel that you have high blood pressure. Continue using this medicine as directed, even if you feel well. You may need to use blood pressure medication for the rest of your life.

Store Coreg at room temperature away from moisture and heat.

What happens if I miss a dose?

Take the missed dose as soon as you remember. If your next dose is less than 4 hours away, skip the missed dose and take the medicine at the next regularly scheduled time. Do not take extra medicine to make up the missed dose.

What happens if I overdose?

Seek emergency medical attention if you think you have used too much of this medicine.

Overdose symptoms may include uneven heartbeats, [shortness of breath](#), bluish-colored fingernails, dizziness, weakness, fainting, and seizure (convulsions).

What should I avoid while taking Coreg?

Coreg can cause side effects that may impair your thinking or reactions. Be careful if you drive or do anything that requires you to be awake and alert. Avoid drinking alcohol within 2 hours before or after taking extended-release carvedilol (Coreg CR). Also avoid taking medicines or other products that might contain alcohol. Alcohol may cause the carvedilol in Coreg CR to be released too quickly into the body. Check the labels of any prescription or over-the-counter medicines you take to see if they contain alcohol (also called ethanol).

Avoid getting up too fast from a sitting or lying position, or you may feel dizzy. Get up slowly and steady yourself to prevent a fall.

Coreg side effects

Get emergency medical help if you have any of these signs of an allergic reaction: hives; [difficulty breathing](#); swelling of your face, lips, tongue, or throat. Call your doctor at once if you have any of these serious side effects:

- slow or uneven heartbeats;
- feeling light-headed, fainting;
- feeling [short of breath](#), even with mild exertion;
- swelling of your ankles or feet;
- nausea, stomach pain, low fever, loss of appetite, dark urine, clay-colored stools, jaundice

(yellowing of the [skin](#) or eyes);

- depression; or
- cold feeling in your hands and feet.

Less serious Coreg side effects may include:

- decreased sex drive, impotence, or difficulty having an orgasm;
- sleep problems (insomnia);
- tired feeling; or
- anxiety, nervousness.

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.

See also: Coreg side effects (in more detail)

What other drugs will affect Coreg?

Before taking Coreg, tell your doctor if you are using:

- allergy treatments (or if you are undergoing allergy skin-testing);
- clonidine (Catapres);
- cyclosporine (Gengraf, Neoral, Sandimmune);
- digoxin (digitalis, Lanoxin);
- fluconazole (Diflucan);
- guanabenz (Wytensin);
- rifampin (Rifadin, Rifater, Rifamate);
- insulin or diabetes medication you take by [mouth](#);
- an antidepressant such as fluoxetine (Prozac) or paroxetine (Paxil);
- a beta blocker such as atenolol (Tenormin), esmolol (Brevibloc), labetalol (Normodyne, Trandate), metoprolol (Lopressor, Toprol), nadolol (Corgard), propranolol (Inderal, InnoPran), sotalol (Betapace), and others;
- an MAO inhibitor such as isocarboxazid (Marplan), tranylcypromine (Parnate), phenelzine (Nardil), or selegiline (Eldepryl, Emsam);
- a heart medication such as amiodarone (Cordarone, Pacerone), quinidine (Quinidex, Quinaglute, Quin-Release), propafenone (Rythmol), nifedipine (Procardia, Adalat), reserpine (Serpasil), verapamil (Calan, Verelan, Isoptin), diltiazem (Cartia, Cardizem);
- medicine for asthma or other [breathing](#) disorders, such as albuterol (Ventolin, Proventil), bitolterol (Tornalate), metaproterenol (Alupent), pirbuterol (Maxair), terbutaline (Brethaire, Brethine, Bricanyl), and theophylline (Theo-Dur, Theolair); or

- cold medicines, stimulant medicines, or diet pills.

This list is not complete and there may be other drugs not listed that can affect Coreg. Tell your doctor about all the prescription and over-the-counter medications you use. This includes [vitamins](#), minerals, herbal products, and drugs prescribed by other doctors. Do not start using a new medication without telling your doctor.

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Coreg Use in Pregnancy & Breastfeeding
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- Coreg MedFacts Consumer Leaflet (Wolters Kluwer)
- Coreg Advanced Consumer (Micromedex) - Includes Dosage Information
- Coreg Prescribing Information (FDA)
- Carvedilol Prescribing Information (FDA)
- Carvedilol Monograph (AHFS DI)
- Carvedilol Professional Patient Advice (Wolters Kluwer)
- Coreg CR Prescribing Information (FDA)
- Coreg CR Extended-Release Capsules MedFacts Consumer Leaflet (Wolters Kluwer)

Compare Coreg with other medications

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Heart Failure
High Blood Pressure
Left Ventricular Dysfunction

Where can I get more information?

- Your pharmacist can provide more information about Coreg.

What does my medication look like?

Carvedilol is available with a prescription under the brand name Coreg. Other brand or generic formulations may also be available. Ask your pharmacist any questions you have about this medication, especially if it is new to you.

- Coreg 3.125 mg - white, oval, film-coated tablets
- Coreg 6.25 mg - white, oval, film-coated tablets
- Coreg 12.5 mg - white, oval, film-coated tablets
- Coreg 25 mg - white, oval, film-coated tablets
- 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 condition prescribed.
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