Garlic, Allium sativum oral dosage forms

MEDICATION GUIDE

NOTE: This sheet is a summary. It may not cover all possible information. If you have questions about this medicine talk to your doctor, pharmacist, or health care provider.

What is this medicine?

GARLIC (GAHR lik) is an herbal or dietary supplement. It is promoted to reduce cholesterol or prevent hardening of the arteries. The FDA has not approved this supplement for any medical use.

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How should I use this medicine?

Take this medicine by mouth with a glass of water. Follow the directions on the package labeling, or take as directed by your health care professional. You may take this medicine with food.

Do not take this medicine more often than directed.

Contact your pediatrician regarding the use of this medicine in children. Special care may be needed.

Overdosage: If you think you have taken too much of this medicine contact a poison control center or emergency room at once.

NOTE: This medicine is only for you. Do not share this medicine with others.

What if I miss a dose?

If you miss a dose, take it as soon as you can. If it is almost time for your next dose, take only that dose. Do not take double or extra doses.

What should I tell my health care provider before I take this medicine?

They need to know if you have any of these conditions:

• Bleeding disorder
• Diabetes
• HIV infection
• Low blood sugar
• Taking blood-thinning medications
• An unusual or allergic reaction to garlic, other herbs, plants, medicines, foods, dyes, or preservatives
• Pregnant or trying to get pregnant
• Breast-feeding

What may interact with this medicine?

• Aspirin and aspirin-like drugs
• Dipyridamole
• Medicines that treat or prevent blood clots like cilostazol, clopidogrel, enoxaparin, ticlopidine, warfarin
• NSAIDs, medicines for pain and inflammation, like ibuprofen or naproxen
• Other herbal or dietary supplements like danshen, dong quai, feverfew, ginger, ginkgo biloba, horse chestnut, willow bark
• Saquinavir

This list may not describe all possible interactions. Give your health care provider a list of all the medicines, herbs, non-prescription drugs, or dietary supplements you use. Also tell them if you smoke, drink alcohol, or use illegal drugs. Some items may interact with your medicine.

What side effects may I notice from receiving this medicine?

Side effects that you should report to your doctor or health care professional as soon as possible:

• Allergic reactions like skin rash, itching or hives, swelling of the face, lips, or tongue
• Breathing problems
• Burning in the mouth, stomach, throat
• Feeling faint or lightheaded
• Unusual bleeding or bruising

Side effects that usually do not require medical attention (report to your doctor or health care professional if they
continue or are bothersome):
- Garlic odor on breath, skin
- Headache
- Nausea
- Stomach gas, upset
- Sweating

This list may not describe all possible side effects. Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

What should I watch for while using this medicine?

See your doctor if your symptoms do not get better or if they get worse.

If you are scheduled for any medical or dental procedure, tell your healthcare provider that you are taking this medicine. You may need to stop taking this medicine before the procedure.

Herbal or dietary supplements are not regulated like medicines. Rigid quality control standards are not required for dietary supplements. The purity and strength of these products can vary. The safety and effect of this dietary supplement for a certain disease or illness is not well known. This product is not intended to diagnose, treat, cure or prevent any disease.

The Food and Drug Administration suggests the following to help consumers protect themselves:
- Always read product labels and follow directions.
- Natural does not mean a product is safe for humans to take.
- Look for products that include USP after the ingredient name. This means that the manufacturer followed the standards of the US Pharmacopoeia.
- Supplements made or sold by a nationally known food or drug company are more likely to be made under tight controls. You can write to the company for more information about how the product was made.

Where should I keep my medicine?

Keep out of the reach of children.

Store at room temperature or as directed on the package label. Protect from moisture. Throw away any unused medicine after the expiration date.

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