



# SAXAGLIPTIN

*sax-ah-glip-tin*

## What does it do?

*Saxagliptin* is used to treat diabetes by lowering blood sugar.

## Before you start

- Tell your doctor if you have heart failure or kidney problems.
- Tell your doctor if you are pregnant, planning to become pregnant, or breastfeeding.

## How should you take it?

Take *saxagliptin* regularly as directed with a glass of water. You can take it with or without food.

## What if you forget a dose?

If it is nearly time for your next dose, skip the missed dose and take your next dose at the usual time. Otherwise, take the missed dose as soon as you remember. Do not take two doses at the same time.

## Can you take other medicines?

Tell your pharmacist or doctor about all medicines or treatments that you may be taking, including vitamins, herbal products or recreational drugs.

## What side effects might you notice?

Side Effects	Recommended action
Symptoms of allergy including: skin rash, itching, swelling, trouble breathing Severe stomach pain, nausea	Tell your doctor immediately
Joint aches and pains	Tell your doctor
Dizziness	Tell your doctor if troublesome

If you notice any other effects, discuss them with your doctor or pharmacist.

## Other information:

- Test your blood sugar as directed by your health professional.
- You may need blood tests while you are taking *saxagliptin* to check how well your kidneys are working.