Medicine Safety and You
Metformin or Glucophage®

New medicine:
Metformin

Brand name:
Glucophage®

Use:
Lowers blood sugar in patients with Diabetes. Can take up to one month to see full effects.

OR Improves hormone balance

Potential side effects

- Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea
- Abnormal taste which is usually reversible
- Poor appetite, stomach pain
- Low blood sugar or blood acidity

All medicines have the potential to produce effects other than the intended use of the medicine. The chance of experiencing a side effect depends on the medicine, how it is used, what other medicines a person is taking, and individual traits such as age, weight, and other diseases. Some people have no side effects, some mild, some severe.

If you experience any of these side effects tell your doctor or nurse right away.

Important information: If you are shaky, have a fast heart beat, confusion, or sweating check your blood sugar and take glucose tablets, hard candy, or juice. Have blood worked checked regularly to keep track of your blood sugar, renal function, and liver function. Take this medicine with or without food. Do not take this medicine for two days after an x-ray with dye.

Please speak up at any time if you have any questions or concerns.

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