



Getting the Most from Your New Medicine: NHS New Medicines Service

You have received this leaflet as your pharmacist has recently spoken with you regarding your newly prescribed medicines. Please use this leaflet for support, your local community pharmacist is always happy to support with any questions you may have.

Dapagliflozin

What is it used for?

Dapagliflozin is used to treat type 2 diabetes. It helps lower blood sugar levels and can also reduce the risk of some long-term complications of diabetes.

How should I take it?

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What can I expect when starting this medicine?

You may notice that you pass urine more often when taking this medicine. This is normal and happens because extra sugar is being removed from your body.

What are some common side effects?

Passing urine more often, thirst, genital thrush or urinary infections. These are usually mild and can often be reduced by maintaining good hygiene and staying hydrated.

Other important advice

Contact your pharmacist or doctor if you develop symptoms of infection (such as burning when passing urine, unusual discharge or irritation), or if you become unwell with vomiting, dehydration or difficulty eating or drinking.

If you have any questions

Your community pharmacist is here to help. If you have any questions or concerns about your new medicine, your local pharmacy is available to answer any questions:

