

# TERTROXIN tablets

## Consumer Medicine Information (CMI) summary

The [full CMI](#) on the next page has more details. If you are worried about using this medicine, speak to your doctor or pharmacist.

### 1. Why am I using TERTROXIN?

TERTROXIN contains the active ingredient liothyronine sodium. It is used to treat disorders of thyroid deficiency or low thyroid levels in the body, coma or unconsciousness caused by severely low thyroid levels in the body, an overactive thyroid gland which occurs in thyrotoxicosis or Grave's disease, together with other medicines or a low thyroid level after treatment of thyrotoxicosis.

For more information, see Section [1. Why am I using TERTROXIN?](#) in the full CMI.

### 2. What should I know before I use TERTROXIN?

Do not use if you have ever had an allergic reaction to liothyronine sodium or any of the ingredients listed at the end of the CMI.

**Talk to your doctor if you have any other medical conditions, take any other medicines, or are pregnant, plan to become pregnant, are breastfeeding or plan to breastfeed.**

For more information, see Section [2. What should I know before I use TERTROXIN?](#) in the full CMI.

### 3. What if I am taking other medicines?

A list of these medicines is in Section [3. What if I am taking other medicines?](#) in the full CMI.

### 4. How do I use TERTROXIN?

- In adults, the usual starting dose is one tablet taken two or three times a day. In children, the usual dose is half a tablet taken once to three times daily.
- Swallow the tablets whole with a glass of water.
- Take the tablets at the same time each day. It does not matter if you take it before or after food.
- Continue taking TERTROXIN as long as your doctor recommends it.

More instructions can be found in Section [4. How do I use TERTROXIN?](#) in the full CMI.

### 5. What should I know while using TERTROXIN?

<b>Things you should do</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Remind any doctor, dentist or pharmacist you visit that you are using TERTROXIN.</li><li>• Tell your doctor if you feel TERTROXIN is not helping your condition.</li><li>• See your doctor if symptoms persist or recur.</li></ul>
<b>Things you should not do</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Do not give this medicine to anyone else, even if their symptoms seem similar to yours.</li><li>• Do not use TERTROXIN to treat any other complaints unless your doctor tells you to.</li></ul>
<b>Looking after your medicine</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Store below 25°C. Protect from light.</li></ul>

For more information, see Section [5. What should I know while using TERTROXIN?](#) in the full CMI.

### 6. Are there any side effects?

All medicines can have side effects. If they do occur, they are usually minor and temporary. Do not be alarmed by this list. You may not experience any of them.

It is important to be aware of potential side effects so that you can identify any symptoms if they occur.

For more information, including what to do if you have any side effects, see Section [6. Are there any side effects?](#) in the full CMI.

# TERTROXIN tablets

Active ingredient: *liothyronine sodium*

## Consumer Medicine Information (CMI)

This leaflet provides important information about using TERTROXIN.

**You should also speak to your doctor or pharmacist if you would like further information or if you have any concerns or questions about using TERTROXIN.**

**Where to find information in this leaflet:**

- [1. Why am I using TERTROXIN?](#)
- [2. What should I know before I use TERTROXIN?](#)
- [3. What if I am taking other medicines?](#)
- [4. How do I use TERTROXIN?](#)
- [5. What should I know while using TERTROXIN?](#)
- [6. Are there any side effects?](#)
- [7. Product details](#)

## 1. Why am I using TERTROXIN?

TERTROXIN contains the active ingredient liothyronine sodium, a thyroid hormone.

TERTROXIN is used to treat:

- disorders of thyroid deficiency or low thyroid levels in the body
- coma or unconsciousness caused by severely low thyroid levels in the body
- an overactive thyroid gland which occurs in thyrotoxicosis or Grave's disease, together with other medicines
- a low thyroid level after treatment of thyrotoxicosis.

**Ask your doctor if you have any questions about why TERTROXIN has been prescribed for you.**

Your doctor may have prescribed TERTROXIN for another purpose.

There is no evidence that TERTROXIN is addictive.

## 2. What should I know before I use TERTROXIN?

### Warnings

**Do not use TERTROXIN if:**

- you are allergic to liothyronine or any of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet. Some symptoms of an allergic reaction may include shortness of breath, wheezing or difficulty in breathing; swelling of the face, lips, tongue, or any other parts of the body; rash, itching or hives on the skin.

- you have angina
- you have any other heart condition
- you have an untreated adrenal gland condition
- the expiry date printed on the pack has passed
- the packaging is torn or shows signs of tampering.

**Check with your doctor if you:**

- have had any allergy to any other medicines, or any other substances, such as foods, preservatives, or dyes.**
- have or have had any other medical conditions or health problems including:**
  - adrenal gland problem
  - diabetes.

During treatment, you may be at risk of developing certain side effects. It is important you understand these risks and how to monitor for them. See additional information under Section [6. Are there any side effects?](#)

## Pregnancy and breastfeeding

**Check with your doctor if you are pregnant or intend to become pregnant.**

If there is a need to consider TERTROXIN during your pregnancy, your doctor will discuss with you the benefits and risks of using it.

**Check with your doctor if you are breastfeeding or intend to breastfeed.**

TERTROXIN passes into breast milk and therefore there is a possibility that the breast-fed baby may be affected. Your doctor will discuss the risks and benefits of taking TERTROXIN when breast-feeding.

## 3. What if I am taking other medicines?

**Tell your doctor if you are taking any other medicines, including any medicines, vitamins or supplements that you buy without a prescription from your pharmacy, supermarket or health food shop.**

Some of these medicines may interfere with TERTROXIN. These include:

- medicines used to treat blood clots
- phenytoin and carbamazepine, medicines used to treat fitting or epilepsy
- digoxin, a medicine used for certain heart conditions
- cholestyramine, a medicine used to reduce cholesterol levels
- tricyclic antidepressants
- oral contraceptives or the pill
- ketamine, an anaesthetic
- insulin or tablets used to treat diabetes.

Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure about what medicines, vitamins or supplements you are taking and if these affect TERTROXIN tablets.

## 4. How do I use TERTROXIN?

### How much to take

In adults, the usual dose for low thyroid levels is one tablet taken two or three times a day.

In children, the usual dose is half a tablet taken once to three times daily.

In both adults and children, the dose will depend on the condition being treated and the level of thyroid hormone in the body.

**Carefully follow the dosage instructions. Do not change your dose unless your doctor tells you to do so.**

Talk to your doctor if you have any further questions.

### How long to take it for

TERTROXIN helps to control your thyroid problem. Therefore, your medicine must be taken every day.

**Continue taking TERTROXIN for as long as your doctor prescribes it.**

In some conditions you will take this medicine for the rest of your life.

### How to take it

Swallow the tablets with a glass of water.

### When to take it

**Take TERTROXIN at about the same time each day.**

Taking your tablets at the same time each day will have the best effect. It will also help you remember when to take the tablets.

It does not matter if you take TERTROXIN before or after food.

### If you forget to take it

If it is almost time for your next dose, skip the dose you missed and take your next dose when you are meant to. Otherwise, take it as soon as you remember, and then go back to taking it as you would normally.

**Do not take a double dose to make up for the dose you missed.**

### If you take too much

If you think that you have used too much TERTROXIN, you may need urgent medical attention.

**You should immediately:**

- phone the Poisons Information Centre (by calling 13 11 26), or
- contact your doctor, or
- go to the Emergency Department at your nearest hospital.

**You should do this even if there are no signs of discomfort or poisoning.**

If you take too much TERTROXIN you may feel:

- irritable
- nervous
- have a headache
- an abnormal heart beat
- muscle cramps
- flushing or skin redness
- diarrhoea
- heart conditions may become worse.

## 5. What should I know while using TERTROXIN?

### Things you should do

**If you are about to start taking any new medicines, remind your doctor and pharmacist that you are taking TERTROXIN.**

**Tell any other doctors, dentists and pharmacists who are treating you that you are using TERTROXIN.**

**Visit your doctor regularly.**

Your doctor needs to check your progress.

**If you are being treated for diabetes, make sure you check your blood sugar level regularly and report any problems to your doctor.**

TERTROXIN may change how well your diabetes is controlled. Your doses of diabetic medicines, including insulin, may need to change.

**If you are taking an anticoagulant (e.g. warfarin), make sure you have your blood tested regularly and report any problems to your doctor.**

TERTROXIN may change how well anticoagulants work. Your dose of the anticoagulant may need to change.

### Things you should not do

**Do not give this medicine to anyone else, even if their symptoms seem similar to yours.**

**Do not use TERTROXIN to treat any other complaints unless your doctor tells you to.**

### Looking after your medicine

**Keep TERTROXIN tablets in the bottle until it is time to take them.**

If you take the tablets out of the bottle they may not keep as well.

**Keep the tablets in a cool dry place where the temperature stays below 25°C.**

**Do not store this medicine:**

- in the bathroom or near a sink, or
- in the car or on window sills.

Heat and dampness can destroy some medicines.

Keep it where young children cannot reach it.

## Getting rid of any unwanted medicine

If you no longer need to use this medicine or it is out of date, take it to any pharmacy for safe disposal.

## 6. Are there any side effects?

All medicines can have side effects. If you do experience any side effects, most of them are minor and temporary. However, some side effects may need medical attention.

### Less serious side effects

Less serious side effects	What to do
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• headache</li><li>• muscle cramps</li><li>• diarrhoea</li><li>• restlessness</li><li>• excitability</li><li>• flushing or redness of skin</li><li>• sweating</li><li>• muscle weakness.</li></ul>	<p><b>Speak to your doctor if you have any of these less serious side effects and they worry you.</b></p> <p>These side effects are usually mild.</p>

### Serious side effects

Serious side effects	What to do
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• palpitations</li><li>• heart pain</li><li>• changes in heart beat</li><li>• excessive loss of weight.</li></ul>	<p><b>Call your doctor straight away or go to the Emergency Department at your nearest hospital if you notice any of these serious side effects.</b></p> <p>Serious side effects are rare.</p>

**Tell your doctor if you notice anything else that may be making you feel unwell.**

Other side effects not listed here may occur in some people.

### Reporting side effects

After you have received medical advice for any side effects you experience, you can report side effects to the Therapeutic Goods Administration online at [www.tga.gov.au/reporting-problems](http://www.tga.gov.au/reporting-problems). By reporting side effects, you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

**Always make sure you speak to your doctor before you decide to stop taking any of your medicines.**

## 7. Product details

TERTROXIN tablets are only available with a doctor's prescription.

### What TERTROXIN tablets contain

<b>Active ingredient (main ingredient)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• liothyronine 20 micrograms per tablet</li></ul>
<b>Other ingredients (inactive ingredients)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• lactose monohydrate</li><li>• maize starch</li><li>• acacia</li><li>• sodium chloride</li><li>• magnesium stearate.</li></ul>
<b>Potential allergens</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• lactose.</li></ul>

TERTROXIN tablets do not contain gluten, sucrose, tartrazine or any other azo dyes.

**Do not take this medicine if you are allergic to any of these ingredients.**

### What TERTROXIN looks like

TERTROXIN tablets are white, biconvex, uncoated tablets plain on one side and with a break line on the other side. Available in plastic bottles of 100 tablets.

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### Who distributes TERTROXIN?

Aspen Pharmacare Australia Pty Ltd  
34-36 Chandos St  
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Australia

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