

**Package leaflet:  
Information for the patient**

**Fenofibrate 160 mg tablet**  
Fenofibrate

**Read all of this leaflet carefully before you start taking this medicine because it contains important information for you.**

- Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.
- If you have any further questions, ask your doctor, or pharmacist or nurse.
- This medicine has been prescribed for you only. Do not pass it on to others. It may harm them even if their signs of illness are the same as yours.
- If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor, or pharmacist or nurse. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. See section 4.

**What is in this leaflet**

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**1 What Fenofibrate is and what it is used for**

Fenofibrate belongs to a group of medicines, commonly known as fibrates. These medicines are used to lower the level of fats (lipids) in the blood. For example the fats known as triglycerides.

Fenofibrate is used, alongside a low fat diet and other non-medical treatments such as exercise and weight loss, to lower levels of fats in the blood.

Fenofibrate can be used in addition to other medicines (statins) in some circumstances when levels of fats in the blood are not controlled with a statin alone.

**2 What you need to know before you take Fenofibrate**

**Do not take Fenofibrate if:**

- you are allergic to fenofibrate or any of the other ingredients of this medicine (listed in Section 6: Contents of the pack and other further information)
- while taking other medicines (such as other fibrates or an anti-inflammatory medicine called 'ketoprofen'), you have had an allergic reaction or skin damage from sunlight or UV light
- you have severe liver, kidney or gallbladder problems
- you have pancreatitis (an inflamed pancreas which causes abdominal pain) which is not caused by high levels of fat in the blood

Do not take Fenofibrate if any of the above apply to you. If you are not sure, talk to your doctor or pharmacist before taking Fenofibrate.

**Warnings and precautions**

Talk to your doctor or pharmacist or nurse before taking Fenofibrate if:

- you have any liver or kidney problems
- you may have an inflamed liver (hepatitis) - signs include yellowing of the skin and the whites of the eyes (jaundice), an increase in liver enzymes (shown in blood tests), stomach pain and itching
- you have an under-active thyroid gland (hypo-thyroidism)

If any of the above apply to you (or you are not sure), talk to your doctor or pharmacist before taking Fenofibrate.

**Fenofibrate and effects on muscles**

Stop taking Fenofibrate and see a doctor straight away if you get - unexplained cramps - painful, tender or weak muscles. This is because this medicine may cause muscle problems, which may be serious. These problems are rare but include muscle inflammation and breakdown. This can cause kidney damage or even death.

Your doctor may do a blood test to

check your muscles before and after starting treatment. The risk of muscle breakdown is higher in some patients.

In particular, tell your doctor if:

- you are over 70 years old
- you have kidney problems
- you have thyroid problems
- you or a close family member has muscle problem which runs in the family
- you drink large amounts of alcohol
- you are taking medicines called statins to lower cholesterol (such as simvastatin, atorvastatin, pravastatin, rosuvastatin or fluvastatin)
- you have ever had muscle problems during treatment with statins or fibrates (such as fenofibrate, bezafibrate or gemfibrozil).

If any of the above apply to you (or you are not sure), talk to your doctor before taking Fenofibrate

**Other medicines and Fenofibrate**

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking, have recently taken or might take any other medicines. In particular tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking any of the following medicines:

- anti-coagulants to thin your blood (such as warfarin)
- other medicines to control levels of fat in the blood (such as, statins or fibrates). This is because taking a statin or another fibrate in addition to Fenofibrate may increase the risk of muscle problems
- a particular class of medicines to treat diabetes (such as rosiglitazone or pioglitazone)
- cyclosporin (an immunosuppressant)

If any of the above apply to you (or you are not sure), talk to your doctor or pharmacist before taking Fenofibrate.

**Pregnancy, breast-feeding and fertility**

- Tell your doctor if you are pregnant, think you may be pregnant or are planning to have a baby. This is because it is not known how Fenofibrate may affect your unborn baby. You should only use Fenofibrate if your doctor tells you to.

Do not use Fenofibrate if you are breast-feeding or planning to breast-feed your baby. This is because it is not known whether Fenofibrate passes into human milk.

**Driving and using machines**

This medicine will not affect your ability to drive or use tools or machines

**Fenofibrate Tablet contains lactose**

If you have been told by your doctor that you have an intolerance to some sugars, contact your doctor before taking this medicinal product.

**Fenofibrate Tablet contains sodium benzoate**

This medicine contains 0.33 mg of benzoate salt per tablet.

**Fenofibrate Tablet contains sodium**

This medicine contains less than 1 mmol sodium (23 mg) per tablet, that is to say essentially 'sodium-free'.

**3 How to take Fenofibrate Tablet**

Always take this medicine exactly as your doctor or pharmacist has told you. Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure.

Your doctor will determine the appropriate strength for you, depending on your condition, your current treatment and your personal risk status.

**Taking this medicine:**

- Take the tablet with food - it will not work as well if your stomach is empty.
- Swallow the tablet with a glass of water.
- Do not crush or chew the tablet.

Remember that as well as taking Fenofibrate, it is also important that you:

- have a low fat diet
- take regular exercise.

**How much to take**

The recommended dose is one tablet a day.

If you are already taking one capsule of Lipantil Micro 200 mg, you can change to one tablet of Fenofibrate 160 mg. You will still receive the same amount of medicine.

**People with kidney problems**

If you have kidney problems, your doctor may tell you to take a lower dose. Ask your doctor or pharmacist about this.

**Use in children and adolescents**

The use of Fenofibrate is not recommended in children and young people under 18 years.

**If you take more Fenofibrate than you should**

If you take more Fenofibrate than you should or if someone else has taken your medicine, tell your doctor or contact your nearest hospital.

**If you forget to take Fenofibrate**

- If you forget to take a dose, take the next dose with your next meal.
- Then take the next dose at the usual time.
- Do not take a double dose to make up for a forgotten dose.

If you are worried about this talk to your doctor.

**If you stop taking Fenofibrate**

Do not stop taking Fenofibrate unless your doctor tells you to, or the tablets make you feel unwell. This is because you require long-term treatment. If your doctor stops your medicine, do not keep any leftover tablets unless your doctor tells you to.

If you have any further questions on the use of this medicine, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

**4 Possible side effects**

Like all medicines, this medicine can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them.

**Stop taking Fenofibrate and see a doctor straight away, if you notice any of the following serious side effects - you may need urgent medical treatment:**

**Uncommon:** may affect up to 1 in 100 people

- cramps or painful, tender or weak muscles - these may be signs of muscle inflammation or breakdown, which can cause kidney damage or even death
- stomach pain - this may be a sign that your pancreas is inflamed (pancreatitis)
- chest pain and feeling breathless - these may be signs of a blood clot in the lung (pulmonary embolism)
- pain, redness or swelling in the legs - these may be signs of a blood clot in the leg ( deep vein thrombosis)

**Rare:** may affect up to 1 in 1,000 people

- allergic reaction - the signs may include swelling of the face, lips, tongue or throat, which may cause difficulty in breathing
- yellowing of the skin and whites of the eyes (jaundice), or an increase in liver enzymes - these may be signs of an inflamed liver (hepatitis)

**Not known:** it is not known how often these happen

- severe skin rash which reddens, peels and swells and looks like a severe burn
- long-term lung problems

Stop taking Fenofibrate and see a doctor straight away, if you notice any of the side effects above.

**Other side effects include:**

**Common** may affect up to 1 in 10 people:

- diarrhoea
- stomach pain
- wind (flatulence)
- feeling sick (nausea)
- being sick (vomiting)
- raised levels of liver enzymes in the blood - shown in tests
- increase in homocysteine (too much of this amino acid in the blood has been associated to a higher risk of coronary heart disease, stroke and peripheral vascular disease, although a causal link has not been established)

**Uncommon** may affect up to 1 in 100 people:

- headache
- gallstones
- reduced sex drive
- rash, itching or red patches on the skin
- increase in creatinine (produced by the kidneys) - shown in tests

**Rare** may affect up to 1 in 1,000 people:

- hair loss
- increase in urea (produced by the kidneys) - shown in tests
- skin is more sensitive to sunlight, sun lamps and sunbeds
- drop in haemoglobin (that carries oxygen in blood) and white blood cells - shown in tests

**Not known:** it is not known how often these happen:

- muscle breakdown
- complications of gallbladder stones
- feeling exhausted (fatigue)

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you notice any of the side effects listed above.

**Reporting of side effects**

If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor or pharmacist. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. You can also report side effects directly via the Yellow Card Scheme at: [www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard](http://www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard) or search for MHRA Yellow Card in the Google Play or Apple App Store.

By reporting side effects you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

**5 How to store Fenofibrate**

Keep this medicine out of the sight and reach of children.

This medicinal product does not require any special storage conditions.

Do not use this medicine after the expiry date which is stated on the carton and the blister after EXP. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.

Do not throw away any medicines via wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to throw away medicines you no longer use. These measures will help to protect the environment.

**6 Contents of the pack and other information**

**What Fenofibrate contains**

- The active substance is fenofibrate. Each Fenofibrate 160 mg tablet contains 160 milligrams (mg) of fenofibrate.
- The other ingredients are: lactose monohydrate, hypromellose, sodium laurilsulfate, simethicone, purified water, cellulose microcrystalline, croscarmellose sodium and magnesium stearate

**What Fenofibrate looks like and contents of the pack**

- White to off-white, oblong shaped tablets plain on both the sides

Fenofibrate tablets are provided in blister pack of 10, 20, 28, 30, 50, 84, 90, 98, 100, 200 and 300 tablets.

Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

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