



HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

These highlights do not include all the information needed to use FENOFIBRATE TABLETS safely and effectively. See full prescribing information for FENOFIBRATE TABLETS.

FENOFIBRATE tablets, for oral use

Initial U.S. Approval: 1993

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INDICATIONS AND USAGE

Fenofibrate tablets are a peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor (PPAR) alpha agonist indicated as an adjunct to diet.

- to reduce triglyceride (TG) levels in adults with severe hypertriglyceridemia (TG greater than or equal to 500 mg/dL) (1).
- to reduce elevated low-density lipoprotein cholesterol (LDL-C) in adults with primary hyperlipidemia when use of recommended LDL-C lowering therapy is not possible (1).

Limitations of Use:

- Markedly elevated levels of serum TG (e.g., >2,000 mg/dL) may increase the risk of developing pancreatitis. The effect of fenofibrate therapy on reducing this risk has not been determined (1).
- Fenofibrate did not reduce coronary heart disease morbidity and mortality in two large, randomized controlled trials of patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus (1).

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

- Severe hypertriglyceridemia: 48 to 145 mg orally once daily; the dosage should be adjusted according to patient response (2.2).
- Primary hyperlipidemia: 145 mg orally once daily (2.2).
- Administer as a single dose, at any time of day, with or without food (2.2).
- Assess TG when clinically appropriate, as early as 4 to 8 weeks after initiating fenofibrate tablets. Discontinue fenofibrate tablets in patients who do not have an adequate response after 2 months of treatment (2.2).
- Renal impairment: Initial dosage of 48 mg orally once daily (2.3).
- Geriatric patients: Select the dosage on the basis of renal function (2.4).

DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

Tablets: 48 mg and 145 mg (3).

CONTRAINDICATIONS

- Severe renal impairment, including those with end-stage renal disease (ESRD) and those receiving dialysis (4).
- Active liver disease including those with unexplained persistent liver function abnormalities (4).
- Pre-existing gallbladder disease (4).
- Hypersensitivity to fenofibrate, fenofibric acid, or any of the excipients in fenofibrate tablets (4).

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Limitations of Use

- Markedly elevated levels of serum TG (e.g. > 2,000 mg/dL) may increase the risk of developing pancreatitis. The effect of fenofibrate therapy on reducing this risk has not been determined [see Warnings and Precautions (5.7)].
- Fenofibrate did not reduce coronary heart disease morbidity and mortality in two large, randomized controlled trials of patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus [see Warnings and Precautions (5.1) and Clinical Studies (14.4)].

2 DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

2.1 Prior to Initiation of Fenofibrate Tablets

- Assess lipid levels before initiating therapy. Identify other causes (e.g., diabetes mellitus, hypothyroidism, or medications) of high TG levels and manage as appropriate.
- Patients should be placed on an appropriate lipid-lowering diet before receiving fenofibrate tablets, and should continue this diet during treatment with fenofibrate tablets.
- In patients with diabetes and fasting chylomicronemia, improve glycemic control prior to considering starting fenofibrate tablets.

2.2 Recommended Dosage and Administration

- Severe hypertriglyceridemia:
  - The recommended dosage of fenofibrate tablets is 48 mg or 145 mg orally once daily.
  - Dosage should be individualized according to patient response, and should be adjusted if necessary following repeat lipid determinations at 4 to 8 week intervals.
- Primary hyperlipidemia:
  - The recommended dosage of fenofibrate tablets are 145 mg orally once daily.
- Administer fenofibrate tablets as a single dose at any time of day, with or without food.
- Advise patients to swallow fenofibrate tablets whole. Do not crush, break, dissolve, or chew tablets.
- Assess TG when clinically appropriate, as early as 4 to 8 weeks after initiating fenofibrate tablets. Discontinue fenofibrate tablets in patients who do not have an adequate response after 2 months of treatment.
- If a dose is missed, advise patients not to take an extra dose. Resume treatment with the next dose.
- Advise patients to take fenofibrate tablets at least 1 hour before or 4 hours to 6 hours after a bile acid binding resin to avoid impeding its absorption.

2.3 Recommended Dosage in Patients with Renal Impairment

- Assess renal function prior to initiation of fenofibrate tablets and periodically thereafter [see Warnings and Precautions (5.4)].
- Treatment with fenofibrate tablets should be initiated at a dosage of 48 mg orally once daily in patients with mild to moderately impaired renal function (eGFR 30 to <60 mL/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup>), and increased only after evaluation of the effects on renal function and TG levels at this dosage.
- Fenofibrate tablets are contraindicated in patients with severe renal impairment (eGFR <30 mL/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup>), including those with end-stage renal disease (ESRD) and those receiving dialysis [see Use in Specific Populations (8.6) and Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)].

2.4 Recommended Dosage in Geriatric Patients

Dosage selection for geriatric patients should be made on the basis of renal function [see Use in Specific Populations (8.6) and Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)].

3 DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

Fenofibrate Tablets:

- 48 mg tablets are yellow, oval, biconvex film coated tablets, debossed with 'J' on one side and '137' on other side.
- 145 mg tablets are white to off-white, oval, biconvex film coated tablets, debossed with 'J' on one side and '136' on other side.

4 CONTRAINDICATIONS

Fenofibrate tablets are contraindicated in patients with:

- Severe renal impairment, including those with end-stage renal disease (ESRD) and those receiving dialysis [see Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)].
- Active liver disease, including those with unexplained persistent liver function abnormalities [see Warnings and Precautions (5.2)].
- Pre-existing gallbladder disease [see Warnings and Precautions (5.5)].
- Hypersensitivity to fenofibrate, fenofibric acid, or any of the excipients in fenofibrate tablets. Serious hypersensitivity reactions including anaphylaxis and angioedema have been reported with fenofibrate [see Warnings and Precautions (5.9)].

5 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

5.1 Mortality and Coronary Heart Disease Morbidity

Fenofibrate did not reduce cardiovascular disease morbidity or mortality in two large, randomized controlled trials of patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus [see Clinical Studies (14.4)].

Because of chemical, pharmacological, and clinical similarities between fenofibrates, including fenofibrate; penafibrate; clobefibrate; and gemfibrozil, the findings in 5 large randomized, placebo-controlled clinical trials with these other fibrate drugs may also apply to fenofibrate.

Penafibrate did not reduce cardiovascular disease morbidity or mortality in a large, randomized, placebo-controlled trial of patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus on background statin therapy [see Clinical Studies (14.4)].

In the Coronary Drug Project, a large trial conducted from 1965 to 1985 in men post myocardial infarction, there was no difference in mortality or nonfatal pulmonary embolism between the clobefibrate group and the placebo group after 5 years of treatment (NCT00000482).

In a trial conducted by the World Health Organization (WHO) from 1965 to 1976, men without known coronary artery disease were treated with placebo or clobefibrate for 5 years and followed for an additional 1 year. There was a statistically significant, higher age-adjusted all-cause mortality in the clobefibrate group compared with the placebo group (5.70% vs. 3.96%, p ≤ 0.01). Excess mortality was due to a 33%

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- Hepatotoxicity: Serious drug-induced liver injury, including liver transplantation and death, has been reported with fenofibrates, including fenofibrate. Monitor patient's liver function, including serum ALT, AST, and total bilirubin, at baseline and periodically for the duration of therapy. Discontinue if signs or symptoms of liver injury develop or if elevated enzyme levels persist (5.2).
- Myopathy and Rhabdomyolysis: Have been reported in patients taking fenofibrates. Risks are increased during co-administration with a statin, in geriatric patients, and in patients with renal impairment or hypothyroidism. Discontinue fenofibrate if markedly elevated CK levels occur or if myopathy is either diagnosed or suspected. Temporarily discontinue fenofibrate in patients experiencing an acute or serious condition at high risk of developing renal failure secondary to rhabdomyolysis. Inform patients of the risk of myopathy and rhabdomyolysis when starting or increasing the fenofibrate dosage. Instruct patients to promptly report any unexplained muscle pain, tenderness, or weakness, particularly if accompanied by malaise or fever (5.3).
- Increases in Serum Creatinine: Monitor renal function in patients with renal impairment taking fenofibrate. Consider monitoring renal function in patients at risk for renal impairment (5.4).
- Cholelithiasis: Fenofibrate may increase cholesterol excretion into the bile, leading to cholelithiasis. If cholelithiasis is suspected, gallbladder studies are indicated (5.5).
- Hypersensitivity Reactions: Acute hypersensitivity reactions, including anaphylaxis and angioedema, and delayed hypersensitivity reactions, including severe cutaneous adverse drug reactions have been reported postmarketing. Some cases were life-threatening and required emergency treatment. Discontinue fenofibrate and treat appropriately if reactions occur (5.9).

ADVERSE REACTIONS

Adverse reactions (> 2% and greater than placebo): abnormal liver tests, increased AST, increased ALT, increased CPK, and rhinitis (6.1).

To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS, contact Hetero Labs Limited at 1-866-495-1995 or FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or www.fda.gov/medwatch.

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- Consider if the benefit of concomitant use of statins or colchicine outweighs the increased risk of myopathy and rhabdomyolysis. Monitor patients for signs and symptoms of myopathy (7).
- Exercise caution in concomitant treatment with coumarin anticoagulants. Reduce the dosage of coumarin to maintain the PT/INR at the desired level to prevent bleeding complications (7).
- Consider the benefits and risks of concomitant use with immunosuppressants and other potentially nephrotoxic agents. Use the lowest effective dosage and monitor renal function (7).
- Administer fenofibrate at least 1 hour before or 4 to 6 hours after a bile acid resin to avoid impeding its absorption (7).

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The cases of DRESS were associated with cutaneous reactions (such as rash or exfoliative dermatitis) and a combination of eosinophilia, fever, systemic organ involvement (renal, hepatic, or respiratory). Discontinue fenofibrate and treat patients appropriately if SCAR is suspected.

5.10 Venothromboembolic Disease

In the Fenofibrate Intervention and Event Lowering in Diabetes (FIELD) trial, pulmonary embolus (PE) and deep vein thrombosis (DVT) were observed at higher rates in the fenofibrate than the placebo-treated group. Of 9,795 patients enrolled in FIELD, there were 4,900 in the placebo group and 4,895 in the fenofibrate group. For DVT, there were 48 events (1%) in the placebo group and 67 (1.4%) in the fenofibrate group (p = 0.074); and for PE, there were 32 (0.7%) events in the placebo group and 53 (1.1%) in the fenofibrate group (p = 0.022).

In the Coronary Drug Project, a higher proportion of the clobefibrate group experienced definite or suspected fatal or nonfatal pulmonary embolism or thrombophlebitis than the placebo group (5.2% vs. 3.3% at five years; p < 0.01).

In the cardiovascular outcome trial with penafibrate, pulmonary embolism was reported for 37 (0.7%) subjects in the fenofibrate group and 16 (0.3%) subjects in the placebo group. Deep vein thrombosis was reported for 36 (0.7%) subjects in the penafibrate group and 13 (0.2%) subjects in the placebo group.

5.11 Paradoxical Decreases in HDL Cholesterol Levels

There have been postmarketing and clinical trial reports of severe decreases in high-density lipoprotein cholesterol (HDL-C) levels (as low as 2 mg/dL) occurring in patients with and without diabetes initiated on fibrate therapy, including fenofibrate. The decrease in HDL-C is mirrored by a decrease in apolipoprotein A1. This decrease has been reported to occur within 2 weeks to years after initiation of fibrate therapy. The HDL-C levels remain depressed until fibrate therapy has been withdrawn; the response to withdrawal of fibrate therapy is rapid and sustained. The clinical significance of this decrease in HDL-C is unknown. Check HDL-C levels within the first few months after initiation of fenofibrate. If a severely depressed HDL-C level is detected, discontinue fenofibrate and monitor HDL-C until it has returned to baseline. Fenofibrate should not be re-initiated.

6 ADVERSE REACTIONS

The following serious adverse reactions are described below and elsewhere in the labeling:

- Mortality and coronary heart disease morbidity [see Warnings and Precautions (5.7)]
- Hepatotoxicity [see Warnings and Precautions (5.2)]
- Myopathy and Rhabdomyolysis [see Warnings and Precautions (5.3)]
- Increases in Serum Creatinine [see Warnings and Precautions (5.4)]
- Cholelithiasis [see Warnings and Precautions (5.5)]
- Increased Bleeding Risk with Coumarin Anticoagulants [see Warnings and Precautions (5.6)]
- Pancreatitis [see Warnings and Precautions (5.7)]
- Hematologic Changes [see Warnings and Precautions (5.8)]
- Hypersensitivity reactions [see Warnings and Precautions (5.9)]
- Venothromboembolic disease [see Warnings and Precautions (5.10)]
- Paradoxical Decreases in HDL Cholesterol Levels [see Warnings and Precautions (5.11)]

6.1 Clinical Trials Experience

Because clinical trials are conducted under widely varying conditions, adverse reaction rates observed in the clinical trials of a drug cannot be directly compared to rates in the clinical trials of another drug and may not reflect the rates observed in clinical practice.

The safety of fenofibrate has been established in adults with hypertriglyceridemia or primary hyperlipidemia based on adequate and well-controlled trials of other formulations of fenofibrate, referenced below as "fenofibrate" [see Clinical Studies (14.4)]. Dosages of fenofibrate used in these trials were comparable to fenofibrate 145 mg per day [see Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)].

Adverse reactions reported by 2% or more of patients treated with fenofibrate (and greater than placebo) during the double-blind, placebo-controlled trials are listed in Table 1. Adverse reactions led to discontinuation of treatment in 5% of patients treated with fenofibrate and in 3% treated with placebo. Increases in liver function tests were the most frequent events, causing discontinuation of fenofibrate treatment in 1.6% of patients in double-blind trials.

Table 1. Adverse Reactions Reported by 2% or More of Patients Treated with Fenofibrate and Greater than Placebo During the Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Trials		
Adverse Reaction	Placebo (N =365)	Fenofibrate (N = 439)
Abnormal Liver Tests	1%	8%
Abdominal Pain	4%	5%
Increased ALT	2%	3%
Increased AST	1%	3%
Increased Creatine Phosphokinase	1%	3%
Constipation	1%	2%
Rhinitis	1%	2%

Other Adverse Reactions

Urticaria

Urticaria was seen in 1.1% vs. 0%, and rash in 1.4% vs. 0.8% of fenofibrate and placebo patients respectively in controlled trials.

Increases in Liver Enzymes

In a pooled analysis of 10 placebo-controlled trials, increases to >3 times the upper limit of normal in ALT occurred in 5.3% of patients taking either an intermediate or the maximum recommended daily dosage of fenofibrate versus 1.1% of patients treated with placebo. In an 8-week trial, the incidence of ALT or AST elevations ≥ 3 times the upper limit of normal was 13% in patients receiving an intermediate daily dosage or the maximum recommended daily dosage of fenofibrate and was 0% in those receiving the lowest recommended daily dosage of fenofibrate or placebo [see Warnings and Precautions (5.2)].

6.2 Postmarketing Experience

The following adverse reactions have been identified during post-approval use of fenofibrate. Because these reactions are reported voluntarily from a population of uncertain size, it is not always possible to reliably estimate their frequency or establish a causal relationship to drug exposure.

Blood: Anemia, white blood cell decreases

Gastrointestinal: Pancreatitis

General: Asthenia

Hepatobiliary: Increased total bilirubin, hepatitis, cirrhosis

Immune System: Anaphylaxis, angioedema

Lipid Disorders: Severely depressed HDL-cholesterol levels

Musculoskeletal: Myalgia, muscle spasms, rhabdomyolysis, arthralgia

Renal and Urinary: Acute renal failure

Respiratory: Interstitial lung disease

Skin and Subcutaneous Tissue: Photosensitivity reactions days to months after initiation. This may occur in patients who report a prior photosensitivity reaction to ketoprofen.

7 DRUG INTERACTIONS

Table 2 presents clinically important drug interactions with fenofibrate.

Table 2. Clinically Important Drug Interactions with fenofibrate	
Statins	
Clinical Impact:	Fibrates may cause myopathy when given alone. The risk of myopathy and rhabdomyolysis is increased with concomitant use of fibrates with statins.
Intervention:	Consider if the benefit of using fenofibrate concomitantly with statin therapy outweighs the increased risk of myopathy and rhabdomyolysis. If concomitant use is decided, monitor patients for signs and symptoms of myopathy, particularly during initiation of therapy and during upward dosage titration of statin therapy.
Colchicine	
Clinical Impact:	Cases of myopathy and rhabdomyolysis have been reported with concomitant use of colchicine with fenofibrates.
Intervention:	Consider if the benefit of using colchicine concomitantly with fenofibrate outweighs the increased risk of myopathy and rhabdomyolysis. If concomitant use is decided, monitor patients for signs and symptoms of myopathy, particularly during initiation of therapy and during upward dosage titration of colchicine.
Coumarin Anticoagulants	
Clinical Impact:	Fibrates may cause potentiation of coumarin-type anticoagulant effects with prolongation of the PT/INR.
Intervention:	Caution should be exercised when coumarin anticoagulants are given in conjunction with fenofibrate. The dosage of the anticoagulants should be reduced to maintain the PT/INR at the desired level to prevent bleeding complications. Frequent PT/INR determinations are advisable until it has been definitely determined that the PT/INR has stabilized.
Immunosuppressants	
Clinical Impact:	Immunosuppressants such as cyclosporine and tacrolimus can produce nephrotoxicity with decreases in creatinine clearance and rises in serum creatinine, and because renal excretion is the primary elimination route of fibrate drugs including fenofibrate, there is a risk that an interaction will lead to deterioration of renal function.
Intervention:	The benefits and risks of using fenofibrate with immunosuppressants and other potentially nephrotoxic agents should be carefully considered, and the lowest effective dosage employed and renal function monitored.
Bile-Acid Binding Resins	
Clinical Impact:	Bile-acid binding resins may bind other drugs given concurrently.
Intervention:	In patients taking a bile acid resin, administer fenofibrate at least 1 hour before or 4 to 6 hours after the bile acid resin to avoid impeding its absorption.

8 USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS

8.1 Pregnancy

Risk Summary

Limited available data with fenofibrate use in pregnant women are insufficient to determine a drug associated risk of major birth defects, miscarriage or adverse maternal or fetal outcomes. In animal reproduction studies, no evidence of embryo-fetal toxicity was observed with oral administration of fenofibrate in rats and rabbits during organogenesis at doses less than or comparable to the maximum recommended clinical dosage of 145 mg of fenofibrate daily, based on body surface area (mg/m<sup>2</sup>). Adverse reproductive outcomes occurred at higher doses in the presence of maternal toxicity (see Data). Fenofibrate should be used during pregnancy only if the potential benefit justifies the potential risk to the fetus.

The estimated background risk of major birth defects and miscarriage for the indicated population is unknown. In the U.S. general population, the estimated background risk of major birth defects and miscarriage in clinically recognized pregnancies is 2% to 4% and 15 to 20%, respectively.

Data

Animal Data

In pregnant rats given oral dietary doses of 14 mg/kg/day, 127 mg/kg/day, and 361 mg/kg/day from gestation day 6 to 15 during the period of organogenesis, no adverse developmental findings were observed at 14 mg/kg/day (less than the clinical exposure at the maximum recommended human dose [MRHD] of 300 mg fenofibrate daily, comparable to 145 mg of fenofibrate daily, based on body surface

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