

OVERACTIVE BLADDER DRUGS: SIDE EFFECTS AND INSTRUCTIONS

Ditropan, Ditropan XL (oxybutynin), Detrol/Detrol LA (tolterodine), VESIcare (solifenacin), Toviaz (fesoterodine), Myrbetriq (mirabegron)

Overactive bladder (OAB) is a common condition that consists of a group of urinary symptoms which include a sudden urge to urinate that you can't control, leaking urine when you feel the urge, and frequent urination during the day and night. There are several different medications used to treat OAB. Below is a list of the medications and associated side effects. The medications are intended to reduce spasms of the bladder muscles and help with symptoms of urinary frequency, urgency, and incontinence. These medicines are not a treatment for an enlarged prostate and may worsen some voiding symptoms such as slow stream or incomplete emptying. This is not a complete list of the side effects or instructions. ***When prescribed a new medication ask your pharmacist for the complete prescribing patient information and read it. Ask your pharmacist to check for interactions with your other medications. You may also obtain this information at [drugs.com](https://www.drugs.com).***

Many of the drugs have similar side effects. The following list is incomplete and other side effects and drug interactions may occur.

Any new symptom which occurs after starting these drugs should be considered associated with the drug until proven otherwise. Stop the drug and call your primary physician for advice.

Side effects may include:

- More common:
 - dryness of the eyes, mouth, nose, or throat
 - constipation
 - drowsiness
 - indigestion
 - decreased sweating
 - heartburn
 - acid or sour stomach
 - belching
 - diarrhea
 - runny nose
 - stomach discomfort, upset, or pain
- Rare side effects but seek emergency help immediately:
 - Eye pain
 - skin rash or hives
- Get emergency help immediately if any of the following symptoms of overdose occur while taking oxybutynin:
 - Clumsiness or unsteadiness
 - confusion
 - convulsions
 - dizziness
 - drowsiness (severe)
 - fainting
 - fast, slow, or irregular heartbeat
 - fever
 - flushing or redness of the face
 - hallucinations (seeing, hearing, or feeling things that are not there)
 - troubled breathing
 - unusual excitement, nervousness, restlessness, or irritability

Warnings: Angioedema of the face, lips, tongue and/or larynx has been reported with Oxybutynin. In some cases, angioedema occurred after the first dose. Angioedema associated with upper airway swelling may be life-threatening. If involvement of the tongue, hypopharynx, or larynx occurs, Oxybutynin should be promptly discontinued and appropriate therapy and/or measures necessary to ensure a patent airway should be promptly provided.

Please consult your pharmacist about drug interactions since there are potentially many including:

- 1) Drugs treating high blood pressure or heart rhythm
- 2) Constipation / diarrhea drugs
- 3) Memory drugs
- 4) Antibiotics