What are its Side Effects?

Belviq's most common side effects are:
♦ Headache
♦ Dizziness
♦ Fatigue
♦ Nausea
♦ Dry Mouth
♦ Constipation
♦ Back Pain
♦ Cough
♦ Low blood sugar as you lose weight in people with diabetes

Be sure to check your blood sugar levels often if you take Belviq and are diabetic!

Other more serious side effects, including vision problems, depression, and memory problems are rare but possible. Talk to your doctor right away if you experience any side effects!

Which Other Drugs does Belviq® Interact With?

Belviq can be dangerous when combined with several medications, such as those used for depression, migraine, infection, weight loss, erectile dysfunction, cough, and pain. It is important that your doctor knows everything that you are taking to avoid interactions.

Make sure you tell your doctor about everything you take, including over-the-counter products, herbas, and supplements!

Belviq could slow your thinking. When you start the medication, make sure you do not drive until you know how it affects you!
Belviq is a new medication for weight management approved by the FDA in June 2012. It is a round blue tablet which is usually taken twice a day. Its generic name is lorcaserin hydrochloride. Belviq is only available with a prescription.

How Does it Work?
Although the exact way it works isn’t known, it is believed to work in the brain to help people eat less and feel more satisfied after a meal.

Who is it for?
Belviq is for adults who are considered obese (BMI over 30) OR adults who are considered overweight (BMI over 27) AND who have at least one weight-related health condition, like high blood pressure, high cholesterol, or diabetes.

Who Shouldn’t Take Belviq®?
Belviq isn’t for everyone. Talk to your doctor if you have congestive heart failure, valvular heart disease, slow heartbeat, kidney problems, or liver problems. Belviq has not been studied in breast-feeding mothers or children under 18.

BMI stands for Body Mass Index. It is a measure of weight relative to height. You can find yours by using this formula:

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\text{BMI} = \frac{\text{Weight in pounds} \times 703}{\text{Height in inches} \times \text{Height in inches}}
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Does Belviq® Actually Work?
When it was studied for one year, 47% of people without diabetes who took Belviq lost 5% or more of their original body weight. In those who had diabetes, only 38% of people lost at least 5% of their body weight. All people who were studied were on a low-calorie diet and an exercise plan. There is no definite way to know if Belviq will help you lose weight.

Pregnant women should NEVER take Belviq. It could cause serious harm to the baby!

Belviq is not a miracle diet pill! It is meant to be taken along with a reduced-calorie diet and lots of exercise. It won’t work without these!