

## BEZAFIBRATE

**Class:** Antilipemic Agent, Fibric Acid

**Indications:** Adjunct to diet and other therapeutic measures for treatment of type IIa and IIb mixed hyperlipidemia, to regulate lipid and apoprotein levels (reduce serum TG, LDL-cholesterol, and apolipoprotein B, increase HDL-cholesterol and apolipoprotein A); treatment of adult patients with high to very high triglyceride levels (Fredrickson classification type IV and V hyperlipidemias) who are at high risk of sequelae and complications from their dyslipidemia.

**Dosage:** **Dyslipidemia:** Oral: 400 mg once daily

### **Dosing: Renal Impairment**

$Cl_{cr} \geq 60$  mL/minute: No dosage adjustment required

$Cl_{cr} < 60$  mL/minute **or**  $S_{cr} > 1.5$  mg/dL: Use is contraindicated

Dialysis: Use is contraindicated.

### **Dosing: Hepatic Impairment**

Use is contraindicated in hepatic impairment.

**Available dosage form in the hospital:** 200MG TAB

**Common side effect:** Frequency not always defined.

Central nervous system: Headache, dizziness, insomnia.

Dermatologic: Pruritus, eczema, erythema, urticaria

Gastrointestinal: Gastritis, flatulence, dyspepsia.

Hepatic: ALT increased, AST increased

Neuromuscular & skeletal: CPK increased

**Pregnancy Implications:** Use is contraindicated in pregnant women. Embryotoxicity has occurred in animals at toxic doses. Therapy should be discontinued in women who become pregnant during therapy. Women planning pregnancy should discontinue bezafibrate several months before conception and women of childbearing potential should employ effective birth control methods.