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Agaricus is a mushroom. It's used to treat many health issues. Agaricus comes as liquid extracts, teas, and capsules.

What are the potential uses and benefits?

Agaricus is used to:

- Treat arteriosclerosis (build-up of fats and cholesterol in and on the walls of your arteries)
- Treat chronic hepatitis
- Treat diabetes
- Lower high cholesterol

Agaricus also has other uses that haven't been studied by doctors to see if they work.

It's generally safe to use agaricus in food and tea but talk with your doctor before taking agaricus

supplements.

Herbal supplements are stronger than the herbs you would use in cooking. They can also interact with some medications and affect how they work. For more information, read the “What else do I need to know?” section below.

What are the side effects?

Side effects of using agaricus may include:

- Abnormal liver function
- Swelling of the lip

What else do I need to know?

- Do not take agaricus if you're allergic to mushrooms.

If you have any questions, contact a member of your care team directly. If you're a patient at MSK and you need to reach a provider after 5 p.m., during the weekend, or on a holiday, call 212-639-2000.

For more resources, visit www.mskcc.org/pe to search our virtual library.

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