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Common Names

- Bitter gourd
- Bitter cucumber
- Bitter apple
- Balsam pear
- Leprosy gourd

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For Patients & Caregivers

Tell your healthcare providers about any dietary supplements you're taking, such as herbs, vitamins, minerals, and natural or home remedies. This will help them manage your care and keep you safe.

What is
it?

What are the potential uses and
benefits?

What are the side
effects?

What else do I need to
know?

For Healthcare Professionals

Scientific
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