PATIENT & CAREGIVER EDUCATION

Dasiglucagon

This information from Lexicomp® explains what you need to know about this medication, including what it's used for, how to take it, its side effects, and when to call your healthcare provider.

Brand Names: US

Zegalogue

What is this drug used for?

- It is used to treat low blood sugar.

What do I need to tell my doctor BEFORE I take this drug?

- If you are allergic to this drug; any part of this drug; or any other drugs, foods, or substances. Tell your doctor about the allergy and what signs you had.
- If you have any of these health problems: Adrenal gland tumor called pheochromocytoma or a certain type of pancreas tumor (insulinoma).
- If you have a weak adrenal gland, have not had food or water for a long time, or have low blood sugar

often.

This is not a list of all drugs or health problems that interact with this drug.

Tell your doctor and pharmacist about all of your drugs (prescription or OTC, natural products, vitamins) and health problems. You must check to make sure that it is safe for you to take this drug with all of your drugs and health problems. Do not start, stop, or change the dose of any drug without checking with your doctor.

What are some things I need to know or do while I take this drug?

- Tell all of your health care providers that you take this drug. This includes your doctors, nurses, pharmacists, and dentists.
- Check your blood sugar as you have been told by your doctor.
- Avoid driving and doing other tasks or actions that call for you to be alert until you have eaten sugar or a product that has sugar in it like a regular soft drink or fruit juice. Avoid these tasks or actions until you feel fully alert.
- If you have a latex allergy, talk with your doctor. Some products have latex.

- Low blood sugar can happen with this drug in people who have a certain type of pancreas tumor (insulinoma). Very low blood sugar can lead to seizures, confusion, passing out, and sometimes death. If signs of low blood sugar like headache; feeling dizzy, sleepy, or weak; shaking; a fast heartbeat; confusion; hunger; or sweating happen after using this drug, get medical help right away.
- Tell your doctor if you are pregnant, plan on getting pregnant, or are breast-feeding. You will need to talk about the benefits and risks to you and the baby.

What are some side effects that I need to call my doctor about right away?

WARNING/CAUTION: Even though it may be rare, some people may have very bad and sometimes deadly side effects when taking a drug. Tell your doctor or get medical help right away if you have any of the following signs or symptoms that may be related to a very bad side effect:

- Signs of an allergic reaction, like rash; hives; itching; red, swollen, blistered, or peeling skin with or without fever; wheezing; tightness in the chest or throat; trouble breathing, swallowing, or talking; unusual hoarseness; or swelling of the mouth, face, lips, tongue, or throat.

- Signs of high or low blood pressure like very bad headache or dizziness, passing out, or change in eyesight.

What are some other side effects of this drug?

All drugs may cause side effects. However, many people have no side effects or only have minor side effects. Call your doctor or get medical help if any of these side effects or any other side effects bother you or do not go away:

- Upset stomach or throwing up.
- Headache.
- Diarrhea.
- Pain where the shot was given.

These are not all of the side effects that may occur. If you have questions about side effects, call your doctor. Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects.

You may report side effects to your national health agency.

You may report side effects to the FDA at 1-800-332-1088. You may also report side effects at https://www.fda.gov/medwatch.

How is this drug best taken?

Use this drug as ordered by your doctor. Read all information given to you. Follow all instructions closely.

- It is given as a shot into the fatty part of the skin in the upper arm, thigh, buttocks, or stomach area.
- If you will be giving yourself the shot, your doctor or nurse will teach you how to give the shot.
- Be sure you know how to use before an emergency happens. Read the package insert and instructions for use that come with this drug. If you have any questions about how to use this drug, talk with the doctor or pharmacist.
- Someone else may have to give this drug. Be sure others know where this drug is stored and how to give it if needed.
- Do not remove the cap or cover until ready to use.
- Never put your fingers or hand over the tip.
- Do not give into skin within 2 inches (5 cm) of the belly button.
- Do not inject through clothes.
- Get medical help right away after using this drug.
- If there has been no response after 15 minutes, a second dose can be given as you have been told.

- After you are able to eat or drink safely, eat or drink a product that has sugar in it, like fruit juice. You will also need to have a product that has sugar in it that lasts longer, like crackers with cheese or peanut butter. Follow what your doctor has told you.
- Do not use this drug if the solution changes color, is cloudy, or has particles. Get a new one.
- If this drug expires, get a refill before a dose is needed.
- Each auto-injector and prefilled syringe is for one use only.
- Throw away needles in a needle/sharp disposal box. Do not reuse needles or other items. When the box is full, follow all local rules for getting rid of it. Talk with a doctor or pharmacist if you have any questions.

What do I do if I miss a dose?

- Get medical help right away.

How do I store and/or throw out this drug?

- Store in a refrigerator. Do not freeze.
- Store in the case you were given.
- If needed, you may store at room temperature for up to 12 months. If stored at room temperature and not

used within 12 months, throw this drug away.

- Do not put this drug back in the refrigerator after it has been stored at room temperature.
- Keep all drugs in a safe place. Keep all drugs out of the reach of children and pets.
- Throw away unused or expired drugs. Do not flush down a toilet or pour down a drain unless you are told to do so. Check with your pharmacist if you have questions about the best way to throw out drugs. There may be drug take-back programs in your area.

General drug facts

- If your symptoms or health problems do not get better or if they become worse, call your doctor.
- Do not share your drugs with others and do not take anyone else’s drugs.
- Some drugs may have another patient information leaflet. If you have any questions about this drug, please talk with your doctor, nurse, pharmacist, or other health care provider.
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provider.

- If you think there has been an overdose, call your poison control center or get medical care right away. Be ready to tell or show what was taken, how much, and when it happened.

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