

PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION

SCHEDULING STATUS

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1 NAME OF THE MEDICINE

B-CAL-D (Chew Tablet)

2 QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE COMPOSITION

Ingredients	Per tablet
Calcium (from calcium carbonate 1250 mg)	500 mg
Vitamin D (as cholecalciferol)	400IU (10 ug)

For full list of excipients, see section 6.1

3 PHARMACEUTICAL FORM

B-CAL-D is a round, white to off-white tablet.

4 CLINICAL PARTICULARS

4.1 Therapeutic indication

Calcium intake, when combined with sufficient vitamin D, a healthy diet, and regular exercise, may reduce the risk of developing osteoporosis.

4.2 Posology and method of administration

Chew 1 – 2 tablets daily with meals, or as recommended by a healthcare provider. The dose required is dependent on dietary calcium intake.

If taking 2 tablets per day, it is recommended to split the dose by at least 4 hours to ensure maximum absorption.

The recommended daily dose should not be exceeded.

4.3 Contraindications

Hypersensitivity to any of the ingredients including any excipients. Patients with hypercalcaemia, hypercalciuria, renal impairment, renal calculi or sarcoidosis. Patients with renal osteodystrophy with hyperphosphatemia.

4.4 Special warnings and precautions for use

- Calcium supplementation should be avoided in cases of hypercalcaemia and hypercalciuria (see **CONTRAINDICATIONS**).
- Calcium supplementation should be used with caution in patients with hypophosphatemia or hyperphosphatemia.
- Use with caution in patients with heart disease.
- B-CAL-D chew tablets contain sugar which may have an effect on the control of blood sugar in patients with *Diabetes Mellitus*.
- Patients with the rare hereditary conditions of galactose intolerance e.g. galactosaemia, Lapp lactase deficiency, glucose-galactose malabsorption or sucrose-isomaltase insufficiency, should not take **B-CAL-D**.

4.5 Interaction with other medicines and other forms of interaction

No interaction studies have been performed on **B-CAL-D**. The following interactions are noted on monographs of the active ingredients:

- **Calcium-channel blockers:** calcium supplements may reduce the effects of calcium channel blockers.
- **Digoxin:** administration of high doses of calcium increases the risk of cardiac arrhythmias.
- **Estrogen:** concurrent use may cause hypercalcaemia.
- **Thiazide diuretics:** thiazides reduce calcium excretion by the kidneys.
- **Thyroid medicines:** Calcium can interfere with thyroid hormone replacement treatment. Administration of calcium supplements and thyroid medications should be separated by at least 4 hours.
- Calcium can chelate and prevent the absorption of some medicines such as tetracyclines, quinolones, bisphosphonates, anti-retrovirals, levothyroxine and verapamil. Doses should be separated by at least 4 hours.

4.6 Fertility, pregnancy and lactation

B-CAL-D is suitable for use during pregnancy and lactation at the recommended dose and at the discretion of the treating physician.

4.7 Effects on ability to drive and use machines

The effects on ability to drive and use machines has not been studied.

4.8 Undesirable effects

Possible side effects include gastrointestinal discomfort (constipation, diarrhoea, flatulence, nausea, belching and stomach upset). Prolonged use of high doses of calcium (approx. 20 g/day) can cause kidney stones.

4.9 Overdose

High doses can cause nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea and symptomatic hypercalcaemia, including hypotension and bradycardia. Treatment is symptomatic and supportive.

5 PHARMACOLOGICAL PROPERTIES

5.1 PHARMACOLOGICAL CLASSIFICATION

Complementary Medicines: Health Supplement
D34.12 Multiple substance formulation

5.2 PHARMACOLOGICAL ACTION

Calcium:

- Contributes to the development and maintenance of bones and teeth.
- Contributes to normal muscle function.
- Contributes to normal energy-yielding metabolism.
- Has a role in the process of cell division and specialisation.
- Calcium intake, when combined with sufficient vitamin D, a healthy diet, and regular exercise, may reduce the risk of developing osteoporosis.
- A factor in the maintenance of good health

Vitamin D:

- Helps in the absorption and use of calcium and phosphorus.
- Contributes to normal cell division
- Contributes to normal blood calcium levels.
- Contributes to the maintenance and development of strong bones and teeth.
- Contributes to the maintenance of normal muscle function.
- Contributes to the normal function of the immune system.
- Has a role in the process of cell division.
- Calcium intake, when combined with sufficient Vitamin D, a healthy diet and exercise, may reduce the risk of developing osteoporosis.
- A factor in the maintenance of good health.

6 PHARMACEUTICAL PARTICULARS

6.1 List of excipients

Copovidone, crosscarmellose sodium, magnesium stearate, talc, trisil orange flavour.
Contains sugar: Fructose 30mg/tablet
Contains sweetener: Stevia 2,2 mg/tablet

6.2 Incompatibilities

Unknown

6.3 Shelf life

2 years

6.4 Special precautions for storage

Store at or below 25 °C.
Keep bottle tightly closed to protect from sunlight and moisture.
KEEP OUT OF THE REACH OF CHILDREN.

6.5 Nature and contents of container

B-CAL- is packed in plastic containers of 30 or 100 tablets.

6.6 Special precautions for disposal and other handling

No special requirements

7 HOLDER OF CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION

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8 REGISTRATION NUMBER

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