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CERIVASTATIN - ORAL

OTHER NAMES: Baycol

USES: This medication is used to treat high cholesterol, along with a diet plan and other heart disease prevention measures.

HOW TO USE THIS MEDICATION: Take exactly as directed by mouth, usually once daily in the evening with or without food. When used with cholestyramine, cerivastatin should be taken at least 2 hours after taking cholestyramine. The full effect on cholesterol is usually seen in 4 weeks.

SIDE EFFECTS: Nausea, diarrhea, constipation, headache, or dizziness may occur. If these effects persist or worsen, notify your doctor.

Report promptly stomach pain, arthritis-like pain, sinus congestion, or sore throat.

Unlikely but report promptly back pain, chest pain, muscle weakness or pain, leg pain or swelling, difficulty sleeping, coughing, or rash.

Very unlikely but report promptly yellowing skin or eyes, vomiting, fever, mental/mood changes, sexual problems or unusual changes in the amount of urine.

In the unlikely event you have an allergic reaction to this drug, seek medical attention immediately. Symptoms of an allergic reaction include rash, itching, swelling, dizziness or trouble breathing.

PRECAUTIONS: Before using this drug, tell your doctor your entire medical history, including any allergies (especially drug allergies), liver or kidney disease, history of alcohol use, uncontrolled seizure disorder or severe gland or blood disorders (e.g., serious electrolyte imbalances).

Limit alcohol intake as it may enhance certain side effects of this medication.

Since this drug may cause dizziness or fatigue, use caution if operating machinery or performing hazardous tasks (e.g., driving).

This drug should not be used during pregnancy. If you become pregnant or think you may be pregnant, inform your doctor immediately.

This drug is excreted into breast milk. Because of the potential risk to the infant, breast-feeding while using this

drug is not recommended. Consult your doctor before breast-feeding.

**DRUG INTERACTIONS:** Tell your doctor of all nonprescription and prescription medication you may use, especially fibric acid drugs (e.g., gemfibrozil, clofibrate), bile acid resins (e.g., cholestyramine), high dose niacin, immune suppression drugs (e.g., cyclosporine), certain antibiotics (e.g., erythromycin), azole antifungal agents (e.g., ketoconazole), spironolactone, or cimetidine.

**NOTES:** Do not share this medication with others.

Laboratory tests may be taken to monitor effectiveness and side effects of this drug, including muscle and liver tests.

**MISSED DOSE:** If you miss a dose, take it as soon as you remember. If it is near the time of the next dose, skip the missed dose and resume your usual dosing schedule. Do not "double-up" the dose to catch up.

**STORAGE:** Store at room temperature below 77 degrees F (25 degrees C) away from light and moisture.