

# Atazanavir Capsule

## Product Information :

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**Pharmaceutical form :** Capsule

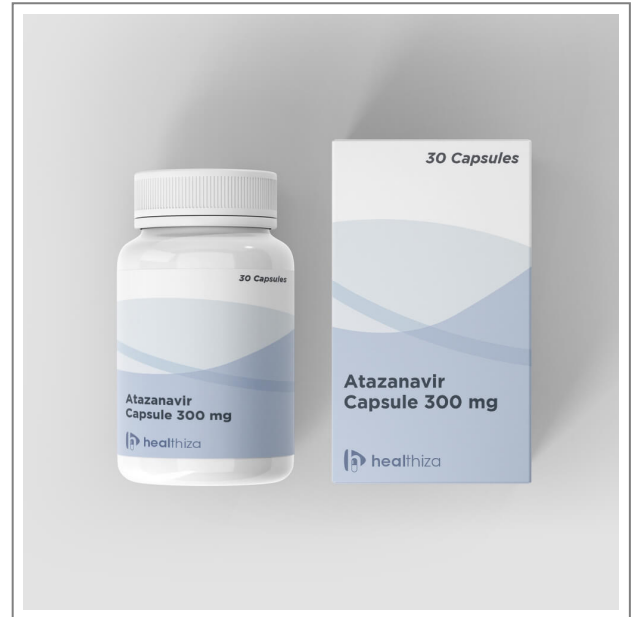
**Category :** Anti Cancer

**Pack :** 1x30/Cap

**Brand name :** Atazanavir Capsule

**Content :** Atazanavir 300mg

**Therapeutic Use :** To treat human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection



## Product Description :

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### What is Atazanavir Capsule?

Atazanavir is used with combination of other medicines in the treatment of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection in adults and children who are at least 3 months old and weigh at least 10 kg. Protease inhibitors, such as atazanavir, are a type of medicine. It works by lowering HIV levels in the bloodstream. However atazanavir does not eliminate HIV, it can reduce your risk of acquiring AIDS and HIV-related diseases such severe infections or cancer. To completely treat HIV infection, atazanavir capsule must be used with other antiretroviral drugs. Taking these medications, as well as practicing safer sex and following other lifestyle changes, may reduce the risk of spreading HIV to others.

### Atazanavir Capsule - How To Use

- Atazanavir is available as a capsule and a powder for oral use. Atazanavir capsules are taken once a day with food and may be combined with a pharmacokinetic booster, such as ritonavir or cobicistat, to enhance the amounts of another drug in the body. Ritonavir and atazanavir powder must be used together. Every day, around the same time, take

atazanavir. Follow the advice on your medicine label carefully, and if there is anything you don't understand, ask your doctor to clarify it to you. Consume atazanavir capsule exactly as prescribed by your doctor. Do not take more or less of it, or take it more frequently than your doctor has suggested.

- While taking atazanavir capsule, you will also be taking other [HIV drugs](#).
- Your doctor will inform you whether you should take these medications at the same time as atazanavir, or even several hours before or after. Keep this schedule properly, and if you have any doubts about when you should consume your prescriptions, consult your doctor.
- Do not break, chew, or open the capsules; they must be swallowed whole. Inform your doctor if you have been unable to swallow the capsules.
- Foods like applesauce or yoghurt, as well as liquids like water, milk, or newborn formula, can be mixed with atazanavir powder. To get the complete dose, combine well and consume the entire combination immediately away. If you take the powder mixture with water, take a snack or meal straight away. The powder can be added with infant formula and given with an oral dosage syringe to infants (over 3 months of age) who are unable to drink from a cup; do not provide the mixture to the infant in a baby bottle. If the mixture is not consumed right away, it must be kept at room temperature for 1 hour before being consumed.
- Consult your doctor if your baby vomits, spits up, or only takes a portion of the atazanavir dose.
- Atazanavir capsule prevents HIV infection but does not eliminate it. Atazanavir does not cure HIV infection on its own; it must always be used in conjunction with other medications. All of the medications provided by your doctor to cure HIV infection must be taken concurrently in order for the medications to continue working to manage the virus. Even if you feel fine, keep taking atazanavir capsule. Your disease may become more hard to treat if you stop accepting atazanavir or skip doses.
- Atazanavir capsule is also used to prevent disease in healthcare workers and others who have been exposed to HIV by mistake. Consider the risks of using this medicine for your illness with your doctor.

## Before taking Atazanavir

- If you are sensitive to atazanavir, any other medicines, or any of the components in atazanavir capsule or powder, inform your doctor right away. It's possible that your doctor will advise you not to consume atazanavir.
- If you are taking any of the following medications or herbal products, tell your doctor: alfuzosin; cisapride; elbasvir and grazoprevir; ergot alkaloids such as dihydroergotamine, ergonovine, ergotamine, or methylergonovine; glecaprevir and pibrentasvir; [indinavir](#); irinotecan; lovastatin; lurasidone; If you are receiving one or more of these medications, your doctor may probably advise you not to take atazanavir.
- Tell your doctor about any other drugs, vitamins, herbal items, or nutraceuticals you're taking or planning to take. Make a point of mentioning one or more of the following: Anticoagulants ('blood thinners') like warfarin; antidepressants ('mood elevators') like amitriptyline, desipramine, doxepin, imipramine, protriptyline, trazodone, and trimipramine; antifungals like [itraconazole](#), [ketoconazole](#), and voriconazole; bepridil; beta blockers such as labetalol, nadolol Your doctor will need to adjust your prescription dosages or keep a close eye on you for side effects. Many other medications may interfere with atazanavir, so be sure to notify your doctor about all of your prescriptions, even if they aren't on this list.
- Take atazanavir 2 hours before or 1 hour after taking antacids, didanosine delayed-release capsules, or any other buffered drug, such as buffered aspirin. If you're not clear if any of the medicines you're taking are balanced, consult your doctor.
- If you are pregnant or expect to become pregnant, notify your doctor. Call your doctor when you become pregnant while receiving atazanavir.
- If you're using cimetidine, esomeprazole, famotidine, lansoprazole, nizatidine, omeprazole, pantoprazole, [rabeprazole](#), or ranitidine for indigestion, heartburn, or ulcers, notify your doctor. Your doctor may advise you to stop taking the drug or take it at a lesser dose.
- If you have or have ever had an irregular heartbeat, diabetes or high blood sugar,

haemophilia (a blood clotting issue) or any other bleeding disorder, hepatitis (a viral infection of the liver) or any other liver disease, kidney disease, or heart disease, notify your doctor.

- It's important to be aware that atazanavir capsule can decrease the efficacy of hormonal contraceptions (birth control pills, patches, implants, and injections). Consult your doctor about birth control options that will best for you while taking atazanavir.
- Tell your doctor that you are receiving atazanavir capsule if you are undergoing surgery, including dental surgery.
- It's important to contact your doctor as soon as you see any of these signs.
- You should be aware that while taking atazanavir capsule, your body fat may rise or shift to different parts of your body. Your arms, legs, face, and buttocks may all shed fat.
- You should be aware that when taking [HIV drugs](#), your immune system may become stronger and start to fight other infections already present in your body. It's possible that you'll experience symptoms of those infections as a result of this.

#### Atazanavir Capsule - Side Effects

- It's possible that you'll have a headache or nausea. Notify your doctor right away if either of these side effects persists or worsens.
- Remember that your doctor recommended this medication because he or she believes the advantage to you exceeds the risk of adverse effects. The majority of people who take this medicine do not have any substantial adverse effects.
- As your immune system strengthens, it may be able to fight off previous infections, leading disease symptoms to resurface. If your immune system gets overactive, you may have symptoms. This reaction could take place at any time. If you have any serious symptoms, such as unexplained weight loss, severe tiredness, persistent muscle aches/weakness, severe headaches, joint pain, vision changes, signs of infection, signs of an overactive thyroid get medical help immediately.
- While using this medicine, you may notice changes in your body fat. The cause of these changes, as well as their long-term consequences, are unknown. Consult your doctor about the benefits and risks of treatment, as well as the possibility of using exercise to

prevent this side effect.

- A rash is a common side effect of atazanavir capsule that is usually not significant. However, it's possible that you won't be able to distinguish it from a rare rash that could indicate a serious reaction. If your child gets a rash, seek medical attention straight once.
- This medicine rarely causes a severe allergic reaction. However, if you detect any symptoms of a major allergic response, such as a rash, itching/swelling, extreme dizziness, or problems breathing, seek medical treatment right once.
- Contact your doctor if you experience any other side effects not listed above.

#### Some Tips For Atazanavir Capsule

- Atazanavir should be recommended to take with food.
- Even if you feel better, do not miss any doses and complete the entire course of treatment.
- An hour before or 2 hours after taking Atazanavir, avoid consuming antacids.
- It can make you feel dizzy or sleepy. Do not drive or engage in any activity that needs concentration until you have a better understanding of how it affects you.
- While on therapy with this medicine, stop using erectile dysfunction treatments like [sildenafil](#) or [tadalafil](#).
- Your liver function may be checked on a regular basis by your doctor. If you suffer abdominal pain, darker urine, or yellowing of the skin or eyes, call your doctor.
- If you are pregnant, expecting a pregnancy, or breastfeeding, tell your doctor.



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