



Above is a photo of an Apidra® SoloSTAR® (insulin glulisine [rDNA origin] injection) pen.

Indications and Usage for Apidra (insulin glulisine [rDNA origin] injection)

Prescription Apidra is for adults with type 2 diabetes or adults and children (4 years and older) with type 1 diabetes to improve blood sugar control. Apidra given by subcutaneous injection is usually used with a longer-acting insulin. When used as a mealtime insulin, Apidra should be given within 15 minutes before or within 20 minutes after starting a meal.

Important Safety Information for Apidra (insulin glulisine [rDNA origin] injection)

Do not use Apidra during a low blood sugar reaction (hypoglycemia) or if you are allergic to any of the ingredients in Apidra.

Do not share needles, insulin pens or syringes with others. Do NOT reuse needles.

You must test your blood sugar levels while using insulin, such as Apidra. Do not make any changes to your dose or type of insulin without talking to your healthcare provider. Any change of insulin should be made cautiously and only under medical supervision. Apidra must only be used if the solution is clear and colorless with no particles visible.

Apidra, when given by injection under the skin, should not be mixed with insulins other than NPH.

The most common side effect of insulin, including Apidra, is low blood sugar (hypoglycemia), which may be serious. Some people may experience symptoms such as shaking, sweating, fast heartbeat, and blurred vision. Severe hypoglycemia may be serious and life threatening. It may cause harm to your heart or brain. Other possible side effects may include low blood potassium, injection site reactions, such as changes in fat tissue at the injection site, and allergic reactions, such as itching and rash. Less common, but potentially more serious or life-threatening, is generalized allergy to insulin, including anaphylactic reactions.

Tell your doctor about other medicines, especially ones commonly called TZDs (thiazolidinediones), and supplements you are taking because they can change the way insulin works. Before starting Apidra, tell your doctor about all your medical conditions including if you have liver or kidney problems, are pregnant or planning to become pregnant, or are breast-feeding or are planning to breast-feed. If you have heart failure or other heart problems, it may get worse while you take TZDs with Apidra.

Apidra SoloSTAR is a disposable prefilled insulin pen. Please talk to your healthcare provider about proper injection techniques and follow instructions in the Instruction Leaflet that accompanies the pen.

Please see accompanying full prescribing information for Apidra or visit www.Apidra.com.

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