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# Ursodeoxycholic acid

**Description**LIN® (Ursodeoxycholic acid) is used to reduce the cholesterol saturation of bile and to promote the dissolution of gallstones. The cholesterol saturation of bile is reduced by ULIN® (Ursodeoxycholic acid), allowing gradual solubilization of cholesterol gallstones. Cholesterol secretion into bile is reduced and bile acid secretion rate is increased during ULIN® (Ursodeoxycholic acid) treatment without a reduction in phospholipids.

ULIV 150: Each film-coated tablet contains Ursodeoxycholic acid BP 150 mg.
ULIV 300: Each film-coated tablet contains Ursodeoxycholic acid BP 300 mg.

### Indications

Dissolution of small to medium sized radiolucent, cholesterol rich gallstones in functioning gallbladder, prevention of gallstone formation in obese patients experiencing rapid weight loss, primary biliary cirrhosis

## Dosage & Administration

Adults & Elderly: Dissolution of gallstones: 8-12 mg/kg body weight daily as a single dose at bedtime or in two divided doses, for up to 2 years; treatment should be continued for 3-4 months after stones dissolve.

Prevention of gallstone formation: 300 mg twice daily.

Primary billiary cirrhoisis: 10-15 mg/kg body weight daily in 2-4 divided doses.

OR AS DIRECTED BY THE PHYSICIAN.

# Side effects

Commonly reported side effects are nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea, gallstone calcification, pruritus.

### Contraindications

Contraindicated to pigmented gallstones, non-functioning gall bladder, inflammatory diseases and other conditions of the small intestine, colon and liver which interfere with entero-hepatic circulation of bile salts.

It should not be used in patients with chronic liver disease, peptic ulcer disease or inflammatory bowel disease. It is ineffective for the dissolution of calcified and pigment gallstones and is of no value in patients without a functioning gallbladder.

Use in Pregnancy & Lactation
There are no adequate and well-controlled studies in pregnant woman. Therefore this drug should be used during pregnancy, if the benefit outweighs the risk. It is not known whether Ursodeoxycholic acid is excreted in human milk. So, caution should be exercised when it is administered to a lactating mother.

It should not be used with drugs, such as oestrogenic hormones, that increase bile cholesterol. Concomitant administration with bile-acid binding drugs including antacids, charcoal and cholestyramine should be avoided, since this may reduce the effectiveness of therapy with Ursodeoxycholic acid.

Supply ULIV 150: Each box contains 2x10 tablets in blister strip. ULIV 300 : Each box contains 1x10 tablets in blister strip

Keep all medicines out of reach of children. Store in a cool and dry place protected from light.

\* Further information is available on request



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