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## Egaten (triclabendazole)

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Egaten (triclabendazole) is a medication used to treat an infection called [fascioliasis](#), which is caused by a parasite (worm). Egaten (triclabendazole) is a short treatment made up of two doses, but it commonly causes stomach pain.

### COMMON BRANDS

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### DRUG CLASS

Anthelmintic

### CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE CLASSIFICATION

Not a controlled medication

### GENERIC STATUS

No lower-cost generic available

### AVAILABILITY

## Prescription only

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## What is Egaten (triclabendazole)?

### How Egaten (triclabendazole) works

Egaten (triclabendazole) is an anthelmintic, which is also known as antiparasitic. Egaten (triclabendazole) is absorbed into the worms that are responsible for the

...infection and disrupts the worm's metabolism, leading to the

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## Package

4 tablets of 250mg

## Typical dosing for Egaten (triclabendazole)

The typical dose is 10 mg/kg by mouth taken 12 hours apart for two doses.

## Frequently asked questions about Egaten (triclabendazole)

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### ✓ What is fascioliasis and how can I avoid it?

**Fascioliasis** is an infection caused by a parasite (flat worm), which is referred to as "the common liver fluke" or "the sheep liver fluke." People can get infected by eating raw foods, such as watercress or vegetables, or drinking contaminated water that contains the parasite. To avoid fascioliasis, make sure you eat properly cooked food, and drink water from a safe source when traveling. There is no vaccine available to protect you from fascioliasis.

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### ✓ Can you crush Egaten (triclabendazole) tablets?

Egaten (triclabendazole) tablets can be split in half and taken with water, or crushed and given with applesauce. If you crush the tablets and mix it with applesauce, make sure to take it within 4 hours.

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### ✓ Is Egaten (triclabendazole) the only medication available for fascioliasis?

There are very **limited treatments for fascioliasis**, and currently, Egaten (triclabendazole) is the only medication approved for this condition. Older medications, such as emetine and bithionol, are no longer used because they're not as safe or might not be available on the market. Other medications belonging to the antiparasitic (or **anthelmintics**) aren't approved to treat fascioliasis.

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### ✓ How well does Egaten (triclabendazole) work?

There were a variety of studies that tested how well Egaten (triclabendazole) works for fascioliasis. The cure rate ranged from 80% to 96% when the medication was taken at the recommended dose.




## Pros and cons of Egaten (triclabendazole)

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### Pros




-  **Treatment of choice** for fascioliasis
-  Only need to take two doses
-  Tablets can be cut in half or crushed and mixed with applesauce

### Cons

-  Commonly causes stomach pain
-  Only stable for 4 hours if it's mixed with applesauce
-  Must be taken with food

## Pharmacist tips for Egaten (triclabendazole)

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-  Take Egaten (triclabendazole) with food. Food raises the amount of medication that gets absorbed into your body and helps the medication stay in your body longer in order to fight the infection.
-  Let your provider know if you experience abnormal heart rhythm while taking this medication. This can feel like your heart is fluttering in your chest, or you may feel faint.
-  Let your provider know if you are pregnant, planning to become pregnant, or breastfeeding before taking Egaten (triclabendazole), because it's not known if this medication can harm your unborn or breastfed baby.





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## What are the side effects of Egaten (triclabendazole)?

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With any medication, there are risks and benefits. Even if the medication is working, you may experience some unwanted side effects.

-  Contact your doctor immediately if you experience any of the following:
  - **Heart rhythm problems (QT prolongation):** abnormal heart rhythm, chest pain, shortness of breath, fainting, lightheadedness
-  The following side effects may get better over time as your body gets used to the medication. Let your doctor know immediately if you continue to experience these symptoms or if they worsen over time.

### Common side effects

- Stomach pain (93%)
- Excessive sweating (25%)
- Nausea (18%)
- Lower appetite (18%)
- Headache (14%)
- Hives (11%)
- Vomiting (7%)
- Diarrhea (up to 7%)

### Other side effects

- Shortness of breath
- Weakness
- Chest pain
- Cough
- Fever
- Yellowing of skin or eyes
- Chest discomfort
- Diarrhea
- Feeling like you're spinning (vertigo)

Source: [DailyMed](#)

**The following side effects have also been reported:**

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## What are the risks and warnings for Egaten (triclabendazole)?

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Egaten (triclabendazole) can cause some serious health issues. This risk may be even higher for certain groups. If this worries you, talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other options

### Heart rhythm problems (QT prolongation)

- **Risk factors:** *History of QT prolongation | Taking medications that can cause QT prolongation*

Egaten (triclabendazole) can raise the risk of a heart rhythm condition called QT prolongation, or [long QT syndrome](#). This is when your heart doesn't contract and relax when it's supposed to, which leads to an abnormal heart rhythm. Your provider will order an echocardiogram (ECG) test to check your heart's electrical signals if you have heart problems or are taking other medications that affect the heart.

## How much does Egaten (triclabendazole) cost?

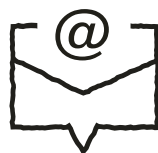
There is currently no generic for Egaten (triclabendazole), so it can be expensive, even with insurance. GoodRx coupons, copay cards and patient assistance programs may help lower the cost.

### Lowest GoodRx Price Egaten (brand)

**\$2.50**

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