

Indications and Usage:

Victoza[®] is an injectable prescription medicine that may improve blood sugar (glucose) in adults with type 2 diabetes when used along with diet and exercise.

Victoza[®] is not recommended as the first medication to treat diabetes. Victoza[®] is not insulin and has not been studied in combination with insulin. Victoza[®] is not for people with type 1 diabetes or people with diabetic ketoacidosis. It is not known if Victoza[®] is safe and effective in children. Victoza[®] is not recommended for use in children.

Important Safety Information:

In animal studies, Victoza[®] caused thyroid tumors—including thyroid cancer—in some rats and mice. It is not known whether Victoza[®] causes thyroid tumors or a type of thyroid cancer called medullary thyroid cancer (MTC) in people which may be fatal if not detected and treated early. Do not use Victoza[®] if you or any of your family members have a history of MTC or if you have Multiple Endocrine Neoplasia syndrome type 2 (MEN 2). While taking Victoza[®], tell your doctor if you get a lump or swelling in your neck, hoarseness, trouble swallowing, or shortness of breath. These may be symptoms of thyroid cancer.

Inflammation of the pancreas (pancreatitis) may be severe and lead to death. Before taking Victoza[®], tell your doctor if you have had pancreatitis, gallstones, a history of alcoholism, or high blood triglyceride levels since these medical conditions make you more likely to get pancreatitis.

Stop taking Victoza[®] and call your doctor right away if you have pain in your stomach area that is severe and will not go away, occurs with or without vomiting, or is felt going from your stomach area through to your back. These may be symptoms of pancreatitis.

Before using Victoza[®], tell your doctor about all the medicines you take, especially sulfonylurea medicines or insulin, as taking them with Victoza[®] may affect how each medicine works.

Also tell your doctor if you are allergic to any of the ingredients in Victoza[®]; have severe stomach problems such as slowed emptying of your stomach (gastroparesis) or problems with digesting food; have or have had kidney or liver problems; have any other medical conditions; are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. Tell your doctor if you are breastfeeding or plan to breastfeed. It is unknown if Victoza[®] will harm your unborn baby or if Victoza[®] passes into your breast milk.

Your risk for getting hypoglycemia, or low blood sugar, is higher if you take Victoza[®] with another medicine that can cause low blood sugar, such as a sulfonylurea. The dose of your sulfonylurea medicine may need to be lowered while taking Victoza[®].

The most common side effects with Victoza[®] include headache, nausea, diarrhea, and resistance to liraglutide (antibody formation). Nausea is most common when first starting Victoza[®], but decreases over time in most people. Immune system related reactions, including hives, were more common in people treated with Victoza[®] compared to people treated with other diabetes drugs in medical studies.