

**GLUCAGEN- glucagon hydrochloride**  
**GLUCAGEN- glucagon hydrochloride injection, powder, for solution**  
**Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc.**

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**HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION**

**These highlights do not include all the information needed to use GlucaGen safely and effectively. See full prescribing information for GlucaGen.**

**GlucaGen® (glucagon) for injection, for subcutaneous, intramuscular or intravenous use**  
**Initial U.S. Approval: 1960**

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**RECENT MAJOR CHANGES**  
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Dosage and Administration (2)-----03/2021  
Contraindications (4)-----03/2021  
Warnings and Precautions (5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.6, 5.7, 5.8)-----03/2021

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**INDICATIONS AND USAGE**  
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GlucaGen is an antihypoglycemic agent and a gastrointestinal motility inhibitor indicated:

- for the treatment of severe hypoglycemia in pediatric and adult patients with diabetes (1.1)
- as a diagnostic aid for use during radiologic examinations to temporarily inhibit movement of the gastrointestinal tract in adult patients (1.2)

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**DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION**  
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Dosage in adults and pediatric patients using the GlucaGen HypoKit to treat severe hypoglycemia (2.2)

- Adults and Pediatric Patients Weighing 25 kg or More or for Pediatric Patients with Unknown Weight 6 Years and Older:
  - The recommended dosage is 1 mg (1 mL) injected subcutaneously or intramuscularly into the upper arm, thigh, or buttocks, or intravenously.
  - If there has been no response after 15 minutes, an additional 1 mg dose (1 mL) of GlucaGen may be administered using a new kit while waiting for emergency assistance.
- Pediatric Patients Weighing Less Than 25 kg or for Pediatric Patients with Unknown Weight Less Than 6 Years of Age:
  - The recommended dosage is 0.5 mg (0.5 mL) injected subcutaneously or intramuscularly into the upper arm, thigh, or buttocks, or intravenously.
  - If there has been no response after 15 minutes, an additional 0.5 mg dose (0.5 mL) of GlucaGen may be administered using a new kit while waiting for emergency assistance.

Important Administration Instructions for Using the GlucaGen HypoKit to Treat Severe Hypoglycemia (2.1)

- GlucaGen is for subcutaneous, intramuscular, or intravenous injection. Administer intravenously ONLY under medical supervision.
- See the Full Prescribing Information for administration instructions.

Dosage in Adults for Using GlucaGen Diagnostic Kit and GlucaGen 10-pack as a Diagnostic Aid (2.4)

- The recommended diagnostic dose for relaxation of the stomach, duodenal bulb, duodenum, and small bowel is 0.2 mg to 0.5 mg administered intravenously or 1 mg administered intramuscularly; the recommended dose to relax the colon is 0.5 mg to 0.75 mg administered intravenously or 1 mg to 2 mg administered intramuscularly.
- See the Full Prescribing Information for administration instructions. (2.3)

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**DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS**  
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For Injection (3):

Treatment of Severe Hypoglycemia:

1 mg single-dose vial of GlucaGen with a 1 mL single-dose syringe of Sterile Water for Injection, USP (GlucaGen HypoKit®)

Use as a Diagnostic Aid:

1 mg single-dose vial of GlucaGen

1 mg single-dose vial of GlucaGen with a 1 mL single-dose vial of Sterile Water for Injection, USP (Diagnostic Kit)

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## CONTRAINDICATIONS

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- Pheochromocytoma (4)
- Insulinoma (4)
- Known hypersensitivity to glucagon or to any of the excipients (4)
- Glucagonoma when used as a diagnostic aid (4)

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## WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

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*Substantial Increase in Blood Pressure in Patients with Pheochromocytoma:* Contraindicated in patients with pheochromocytoma because GlucaGen may stimulate the release of catecholamines from the tumor. (4, 5.1)

*Hypoglycemia in Patients with Insulinoma:* In patients with insulinoma, administration may produce an initial increase in blood glucose; however, GlucaGen may stimulate exaggerated insulin release from an insulinoma and cause hypoglycemia. If a patient develops symptoms of hypoglycemia after a dose of GlucaGen, give glucose orally or intravenously. (4, 5.2)

*Hypersensitivity and Allergic Reactions:* Allergic reactions have been reported and include generalized rash, and in some cases anaphylactic shock with breathing difficulties, and hypotension. (4, 5.3)

*Lack of Efficacy in Patients with Decreased Hepatic Glycogen:* GlucaGen is effective in treating hypoglycemia only if sufficient hepatic glycogen is present. Patients in states of starvation, with adrenal insufficiency or chronic hypoglycemia may not have adequate levels of hepatic glycogen for GlucaGen to be effective. Patients with these conditions should be treated with glucose. (5.4)

*Necrolytic Migratory Erythema (NME):* a skin rash, has been reported postmarketing following continuous glucagon infusion and resolved with discontinuation of the glucagon. Should NME occur, consider whether the benefits of continuous glucagon infusion outweigh the risks. (5.5)

*Hyperglycemia in Patients with Diabetes Mellitus when Used as a Diagnostic Aid:* Treatment with GlucaGen in patients with diabetes mellitus may cause hyperglycemia. Monitor diabetic patients for changes in blood glucose levels during treatment and treat if indicated. (5.6)

*Blood Pressure and Heart Rate Increase in Patients with Cardiac Disease when Used as a Diagnostic Aid:* GlucaGen may increase myocardial oxygen demand, blood pressure, and pulse rate. Cardiac monitoring is recommended in patients with cardiac disease during use of GlucaGen as a diagnostic aid, and an increase in blood pressure and pulse rate may require therapy. (5.7)

*Hypoglycemia in Patients with Glucagonoma:* Glucagon administered to patients with glucagonoma may cause secondary hypoglycemia. Test patients suspected of having glucagonoma for blood levels of glucagon prior to treatment. (5.8)

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## ADVERSE REACTIONS

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Glucagon adverse reactions identified during post approval use are: injection site reactions, nausea, vomiting, headache, dizziness, asthenia, pallor, diarrhea, somnolence, and decreased blood pressure. (6)

**To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS, contact Novo Nordisk Inc. at 1-800-727-6500 or FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or [www.fda.gov/medwatch](http://www.fda.gov/medwatch).**

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## DRUG INTERACTIONS

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*Beta-blockers:* Patients taking beta-blockers may have a transient increase in pulse and blood pressure. (7.1)

*Indomethacin:* In patients taking indomethacin GlucaGen may lose its ability to raise glucose or may produce hypoglycemia. (7.2)

*Anticholinergic drugs:* Concomitant use of anticholinergic drugs with GlucaGen for use as a diagnostic aid is not recommended. (7.3)

*Warfarin:* GlucaGen may increase the anticoagulant effect of warfarin. (7.4)

*Insulin:* Monitor blood glucose when GlucaGen is used as a diagnostic aid in patients receiving insulin. (7.5)

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## **1 INDICATIONS AND USAGE**

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## **FULL PRESCRIBING INFORMATION**

## **1 INDICATIONS AND USAGE**

### **1.1 Severe Hypoglycemia**

GlucaGen is indicated for the treatment of severe hypoglycemia in pediatric and adult patients with diabetes.

### **1.2 Diagnostic Aid**

GlucaGen is indicated as a diagnostic aid for use during radiologic examinations to temporarily inhibit movement of the gastrointestinal tract in adult patients.

## **2 DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION**

### **2.1 Important Administration Instructions for Using the GlucaGen HypoKit to Treat Severe Hypoglycemia**

GlucaGen is for subcutaneous, intramuscular, or intravenous injection. Administer intravenously ONLY under medical supervision.

Instruct patients and their caregivers on the signs and symptoms of severe hypoglycemia. Because severe hypoglycemia requires the help of others to recover, instruct the patient to inform those around them about GlucaGen and its Instructions for Use. Administer GlucaGen as soon as possible when severe hypoglycemia is recognized.

Instruct the patient or caregiver to read the Instructions for Use at the time they receive a prescription for GlucaGen. Emphasize the following instructions to the patient or caregiver:

- Using the supplied prefilled syringe, carefully insert the needle through the rubber stopper of the vial containing GlucaGen powder and inject all the liquid from the syringe into the vial.
- Shake the vial gently until the powder is completely dissolved and no particles remain in the fluid. The reconstituted solution should be clear and colorless. Inspect visually for particulate matter and discoloration. If the resulting solution is cloudy or contains particulate matter do not use.
- The reconstituted solution is 1 mg per mL glucagon.
- Immediately after reconstitution, using the same syringe, withdraw the correct dose of GlucaGen.
- Inject the solution subcutaneously or intramuscularly in the upper arm, thigh, or buttocks. In addition, healthcare providers may administer intravenously.
- Call for emergency assistance immediately after administering the dose.
- If there has been no response after 15 minutes, an additional dose of GlucaGen may be administered while waiting for emergency assistance.
- When the patient has responded to the treatment and is able to swallow, give oral carbohydrates to restore the liver glycogen and prevent recurrence of hypoglycemia.
- Discard any unused portion.

### **2.2 Dosage in Adults and Pediatric Patients for Using the GlucaGen HypoKit to Treat Severe Hypoglycemia**

### Adults and Pediatric Patients Weighing 25 kg or More or for Pediatric Patients with Unknown Weight 6 Years and Older

- The recommended dosage is 1 mg (1 mL) injected subcutaneously or intramuscularly into the upper arm, thigh, or buttocks, or intravenously.
- If there has been no response after 15 minutes, an additional 1 mg dose (1 mL) of GlucaGen may be administered using a new kit while waiting for emergency assistance.

### Pediatric Patients Weighing Less Than 25 kg or for Pediatric Patients with Unknown Weight Less Than 6 Years of Age

- The recommended dosage is 0.5 mg (0.5 mL) injected subcutaneously or intramuscularly into the upper arm, thigh, or buttocks, or intravenously.
- If there has been no response after 15 minutes, an additional 0.5 mg dose (0.5 mL) of GlucaGen may be administered using a new kit while waiting for emergency assistance.

For GlucaGen Diagnostic Kit and the GlucaGen 10-pack:

### **2.3 Important Administration Instruction for Using GlucaGen Diagnostic Kit and the GlucaGen 10-pack as a Diagnostic Aid**

- Reconstitute GlucaGen with 1 mL of Sterile Water for Injection. Using a syringe, withdraw all of the Sterile Water for Injection (if supplied) or 1 mL Sterile Water for Injection and inject into the GlucaGen vial.
- Shake the vial gently until the powder is completely dissolved and no particles remain in the fluid. The reconstituted fluid should be clear and colorless. Inspect visually for particulate matter and discoloration. If the resulting solution is cloudy or contains particulate matter do not use.
- The reconstituted solution is 1 mg per mL glucagon.
- Immediately after reconstitution, inject the solution intravenously or intramuscularly into upper arm, thigh, or buttocks.
- Discard any unused portion.
- After the end of the diagnostic procedure, give oral carbohydrates to patients who have been fasting, if this is compatible with the diagnostic procedure.

### **2.4 Dosage in Adults for Using GlucaGen Diagnostic Kit and GlucaGen for Injection Single-Dose Vial as a Diagnostic Aid**

- The recommended diagnostic dose for relaxation of the stomach, duodenal bulb, duodenum, and small bowel is 0.2 mg to 0.5 mg administered intravenously or 1 mg administered intramuscularly; the recommended dose to relax the colon is 0.5 mg to 0.75 mg administered intravenously or 1 mg to 2 mg administered intramuscularly [see *Clinical Pharmacology (12.2)*].
- The onset of action after an injection will depend on the organ under examination and route of administration [see *Clinical Pharmacology (12.2)*].

## **3 DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS**

GlucaGen for injection is a white lyophilized powder supplied as follows:

### Treatment of Severe Hypoglycemia

- 1 mg single-dose vial of GlucaGen with a 1 mL single-dose syringe of Sterile Water for Injection, USP (GlucaGen HypoKit<sup>®</sup>)

### Use as a Diagnostic Aid

- 1 mg single-dose vial of GlucaGen
- 1 mg single-dose vial of GlucaGen with a 1 mL single-dose vial of Sterile Water for Injection, USP (Diagnostic Kit)

## **4 CONTRAINDICATIONS**

GlucaGen is contraindicated in patients with:

- Pheochromocytoma because of the risk of substantial increase in blood pressure [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.1)*]
- Insulinoma because of the risk of hypoglycemia [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.2)*]
- Known hypersensitivity to glucagon or the excipients in GlucaGen. Allergic reactions have been reported with glucagon and include anaphylactic shock with breathing difficulties and hypotension [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.3)*]
- Glucagonoma when used as a diagnostic aid because of risk of hypoglycemia [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.8)*]

## **5 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS**

### **5.1 Substantial Increase in Blood Pressure in Patients with Pheochromocytoma**

GlucaGen is contraindicated in patients with pheochromocytoma because GlucaGen may stimulate the release of catecholamines from the tumor [*see Contraindications (4)*]. If the patient develops a substantial increase in blood pressure and a previously undiagnosed pheochromocytoma is suspected, 5 to 10 mg of phentolamine mesylate, administered intravenously, has been shown to be effective in lowering blood pressure for the short time that control would be needed.

### **5.2 Hypoglycemia in Patients with Insulinoma**

In patients with insulinoma, administration of glucagon may produce an initial increase in blood glucose; however, GlucaGen administration may directly or indirectly (through an initial rise in blood glucose) stimulate exaggerated insulin release from an insulinoma and cause hypoglycemia. GlucaGen is contraindicated in patients with insulinoma [*see Contraindications (4)*]. If a patient develops symptoms of hypoglycemia after a dose of GlucaGen, give glucose orally or intravenously.

### **5.3 Hypersensitivity and Allergic Reactions**

Allergic reactions have been reported with glucagon, these include generalized rash, and

in some cases anaphylactic shock with breathing difficulties and hypotension. GlucaGen is contraindicated in patients with a prior hypersensitivity reaction [see *Contraindications (4)*].

#### **5.4 Lack of Efficacy in Patients with Decreased Hepatic Glycogen**

GlucaGen is effective in treating hypoglycemia only if sufficient hepatic glycogen is present. Patients in states of starvation, with adrenal insufficiency or chronic hypoglycemia may not have adequate levels of hepatic glycogen for GlucaGen administration to be effective. Patients with these conditions should be treated with glucose.

#### **5.5 Necrolytic Migratory Erythema**

Necrolytic migratory erythema (NME), a skin rash commonly associated with glucagonomas (glucagon-producing tumors) and characterized by scaly, pruritic erythematous plaques, bullae, and erosions, has been reported postmarketing following continuous glucagon infusion. NME lesions may affect the face, groin, perineum and legs or be more widespread. In the reported cases NME resolved with discontinuation of the glucagon, and treatment with corticosteroids was not effective. Should NME occur, consider whether the benefits of continuous glucagon infusion outweigh the risks.

#### **5.6 Hyperglycemia in Patients with Diabetes Mellitus when Used as a Diagnostic Aid**

Treatment with GlucaGen in patients with diabetes mellitus may cause hyperglycemia. Monitor diabetic patients for changes in blood glucose levels during treatment and treat if indicated.

#### **5.7 Blood Pressure and Heart Rate Increase in Patients with Cardiac Disease when used as a Diagnostic Aid**

GlucaGen may increase myocardial oxygen demand, blood pressure, and pulse rate which may be life-threatening in patients with cardiac disease. Cardiac monitoring is recommended in patients with cardiac disease during use of GlucaGen as a diagnostic aid, and an increase in blood pressure and pulse rate may require therapy.

#### **5.8 Hypoglycemia in Patients with Glucagonoma**

Glucagon administered to patients with glucagonoma may cause secondary hypoglycemia. Test patients suspected of having glucagonoma for blood levels of glucagon prior to use as a diagnostic aid as GlucaGen is contraindicated in this setting [see *Contraindications (4)*].

### **6 ADVERSE REACTIONS**

The following important adverse reactions are described below and elsewhere in the labeling:

- Hypersensitivity and Allergic Reactions [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.3)*]
- Necrolytic Migratory Erythema [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.5)*]
- Hyperglycemia in Patients with Diabetes Mellitus when Used as a Diagnostic Aid [see

*Warnings and Precautions (5.6)]*

- Blood Pressure and Heart Rate Increase in Patients with Cardiac Disease when Used as a Diagnostic Aid [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.7)]*

The following adverse reactions have been identified during post-approval use of glucagon. Because these reactions are reported voluntarily from a population of uncertain size, it is generally not possible to reliably estimate their frequency or establish a causal relationship to drug exposure.

- Injection site reactions
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Headache
- Dizziness
- Asthenia
- Pallor
- Diarrhea
- Somnolence
- Generalized allergic reactions including anaphylactic shock with breathing difficulties and hypotension
- Hypertension and tachycardia
- Decreased blood pressure. Hypotension has been reported up to 2 hours after administration in patients receiving GlucaGen as premedication for upper gastrointestinal endoscopy procedures.
- Hypoglycemia and hypoglycemic coma. Patients taking indomethacin may be more likely to experience hypoglycemia following glucagon administration [see *Drug Interactions (7)]*.
- Necrolytic Migratory Erythema (NME) cases have been reported post marketing in patients receiving continuous infusion of glucagon.

## 7 DRUG INTERACTIONS

**Table 1: Clinically Significant Drug Interactions with GlucaGen**

| <b>Beta-Blockers</b>         |   |
|------------------------------|---|
| <i>Clinical Impact:</i>      | Patients taking beta-blockers may have a transient increase in pulse and blood pressure when given GlucaGen.  |
| <i>Intervention:</i>         | The increase in blood pressure and heart rate may require therapy in patients with coronary artery disease.   |
| <b>Indomethacin</b>          |   |
| <i>Clinical Impact:</i>      | In patients taking indomethacin, GlucaGen may lose its ability to raise blood glucose or may even produce hypoglycemia.   |
| <i>Intervention:</i>         | Monitor blood glucose levels during GlucaGen treatment of patients taking indomethacin.   |
| <b>Anticholinergic Drugs</b> |   |
| <i>Clinical Impact:</i>      | The concomitant use of anticholinergic drugs and GlucaGen increase the risk of gastrointestinal adverse reactions due to additive effects on inhibition of gastrointestinal motility. |
|                              | Concomitant use of anticholinergic drugs with GlucaGen for use as   |



|                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| <i>Intervention:</i>    | Concomitant use of antithrombotic drugs with GlucaGen for use as a diagnostic aid is not recommended. |
| <b>Warfarin</b>         |   |
| <i>Clinical Impact:</i> | GlucaGen may increase the anticoagulant effect of warfarin.   |
| <i>Intervention:</i>    | Monitor patients for unusual bruising or bleeding, as adjustments in warfarin dosage may be required. |
| <b>Insulin</b>          |   |
| <i>Clinical Impact:</i> | Insulin acts antagonistically to glucagon.  |
| <i>Intervention:</i>    | Monitor blood glucose when GlucaGen is used as a diagnostic aid in patients receiving insulin.        |

## 8 USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS

### 8.1 Pregnancy

#### Risk Summary

Available data from case reports and a small number of observational studies with glucagon use in pregnant women over decades of use have not identified a drug-associated risk of major birth defects, miscarriage or adverse maternal or fetal outcomes. Multiple small studies have demonstrated a lack of transfer of pancreatic glucagon across the human placental barrier during early gestation. In rat and rabbit reproduction studies, no embryofetal toxicity was observed with glucagon administered by injection during the period of organogenesis at doses representing up to 100 and 200 times the human dose, respectively, based on body surface area ( $\text{mg}/\text{m}^2$ ) (see *Data*).

The estimated background risk of major birth defects and miscarriage for the indicated population is unknown. In the U.S. general population, the estimated background risk of major birth defects and miscarriage in clinically recognized pregnancies is 2%-4% and 15%-20%, respectively.

#### Data

##### *Animal Data*

In rats and rabbits given glucagon by injection at doses of 0.4, 2, and 10  $\text{mg}/\text{kg}$  (up to 100 and 200 times the human dose based on  $\text{mg}/\text{m}^2$  for rats and rabbits, respectively) there was no evidence of increased malformations or embryofetal lethality.

### 8.2 Lactation

#### Risk Summary

There is no information available on the presence of glucagon in human or animal milk, the effects of glucagon on the breastfed child or the effects of glucagon on milk production. However, glucagon is a peptide and would be expected to be broken down to its constituent amino acids in the infant's digestive tract and is therefore, unlikely to cause harm to an exposed infant.

### 8.4 Pediatric Use

The safety and effectiveness of GlucaGen for the treatment of severe hypoglycemia in

pediatric patients with diabetes have been established.

Safety and effectiveness for use as a diagnostic aid during radiologic examinations to temporarily inhibit movement of the gastrointestinal tract in pediatric patients have not been established.

## 10 OVERDOSAGE

If overdosage occurs, the patient may experience nausea, vomiting, inhibition of gastrointestinal tract motility, increase in blood pressure and pulse rate. In case of suspected overdosing, the serum potassium may decrease and should be monitored and corrected if needed. If the patient develops a dramatic increase in blood pressure, phentolamine mesylate has been shown to be effective in lowering blood pressure for the short time that control would be needed.

## 11 DESCRIPTION

Glucagon is an antihypoglycemic agent and a gastrointestinal motility inhibitor. It is produced by expression of recombinant DNA in a *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* vector with subsequent purification. The chemical structure of the glucagon is identical to human glucagon. Glucagon with the empirical formula of  $C_{153}H_{225}N_{43}O_{49}S$ , and a molecular weight of 3483, is a single-chain polypeptide containing 29 amino acid residues. The structure of glucagon is:

His-Ser-Gln-Gly-Thr-Phe-Thr-Ser-Asp-Tyr-Ser-  
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11

Lys-Tyr-Leu-Asp-Ser-Arg-Arg-Ala-Gln-Asp-Phe-  
12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22

Val-Gln-Trp-Leu-Met-Asn-Thr  
23 24 25 26 27 28 29

GlucaGen is a sterile, lyophilized white powder for reconstitution for subcutaneous, intramuscular or intravenous use, supplied in a 2 mL vial (appearance of the powder may vary, and occasionally the powder may appear compacted). Each vial for reconstitution contains 1 mg of glucagon, 107 mg of lactose monohydrate, hydrochloric acid and sodium hydroxide. Hydrochloric acid and/or sodium hydroxide may be used to adjust the pH before lyophilization. The reconstituted solution of GlucaGen contains glucagon 1 mg/mL at pH 2.5-3.5, and is soluble in water.

## 12 CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY

### 12.1 Mechanism of Action

Glucagon increases blood glucose concentration by activating hepatic glucagon receptors, thereby stimulating glycogen breakdown and release of glucose from the liver. Hepatic stores of glycogen are necessary for glucagon to produce an

antihypoglycemic effect. Extrahepatic effects of glucagon include relaxation of the smooth muscle of the stomach, duodenum, small bowel, and colon.

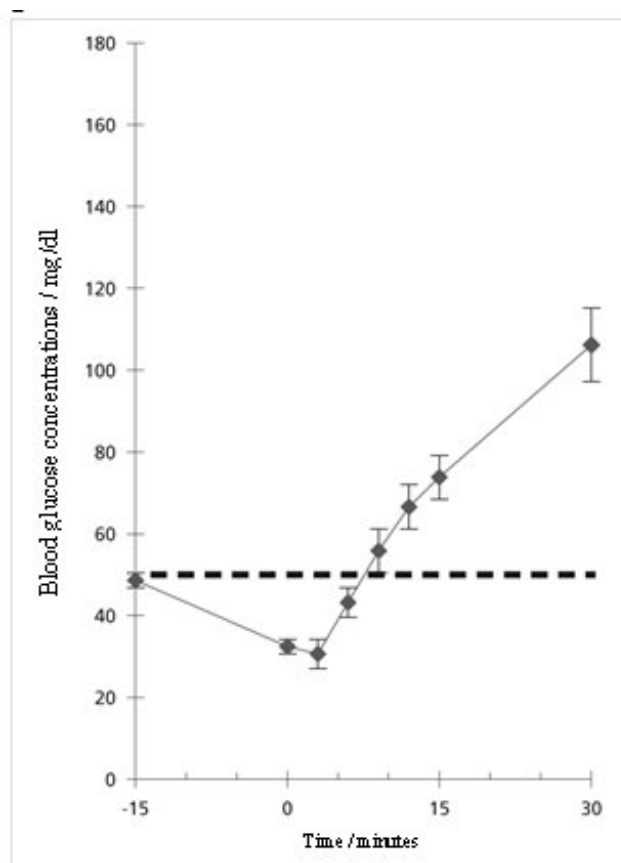
## 12.2 Pharmacodynamics

### Treatment of Severe Hypoglycemia:

Blood glucose concentration rises within 10 minutes of injection and maximal concentrations are attained at approximately 30 minutes after injection (see Figure 1). The duration of hyperglycemic action after intravenous or intramuscular injection is 60 – 90 minutes.

### **Figure 1. Recovery from Insulin Induced Hypoglycemia (mean blood glucose) after Intramuscular Injection of**

### **1 mg GlucaGen in Type 1 Diabetic Men**



### Diagnostic Aid:

**Table 2: Pharmacodynamic Properties of Glucagon for Intravenous Route**

| <b>Route of Administration</b> | <b>Dose<sup>a</sup></b> | <b>Time of Maximal Glucose Concentration</b> | <b>Time of Onset of Action for GI Smooth Muscle Relaxation</b> | <b>Duration of Smooth Muscle Relaxation</b> |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|--|--|---|
| Intravenous                    | 0.25 to 0.5 mg          | 5 to 20 minutes                              | 45 seconds   | 9 to 17 minutes                             |

<sup>a</sup>Dose is determined based on the length of the procedure.

**Table 3: Pharmacodynamic Properties of GlucaGen for Intramuscular Route**

| <b>Route of Administration</b> | <b>Dose<sup>a</sup></b> | <b>Time of Maximal Glucose Concentration</b> | <b>Time of Onset of Action for GI Smooth Muscle Relaxation</b> | <b>Duration of Smooth Muscle Relaxation</b> |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|--|--|---|
| Intramuscular                  | 1 mg                    | 30 minutes                                   | 8 to 10 minutes  | 12 to 27 minutes                            |
|                                | 2 mg                    | 30 minutes                                   | 4 to 7 minutes   | 21 to 32 minutes                            |

<sup>a</sup>Dose is determined based on the length of the procedure.

The time of maximal glucose concentration for GlucaGen administered subcutaneously is 30-45 minutes.

### **12.3 Pharmacokinetics**

#### Absorption

Intramuscular injection of 1 mg GlucaGen resulted in a mean  $C_{max}$  (CV%) of 1686 pg/mL (43%) and median  $T_{max}$  of 12.5 minutes.

#### Elimination

The mean apparent half-life of 45 minutes after intramuscular injection probably reflects prolonged absorption from the injection site.

#### *Metabolism*

Glucagon is degraded in the liver, kidney, and plasma.

## **13 NONCLINICAL TOXICOLOGY**

### **13.1 Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility**

#### Carcinogenesis

Long term studies in animals to evaluate carcinogenic potential have not been performed.

#### Mutagenesis

The mutagenic potential tested in the Ames and human lymphocyte assays, was borderline positive under certain conditions for both glucagon (pancreatic) and glucagon (rDNA) origin. Doses of 100 and 200 mg/kg of glucagon of both pancreatic and recombinant origins gave slightly higher incidences of micronucleus formation in male

mice but there was no effect in females. The weight of evidence indicates that synthetic and recombinant glucagon are not different and do not pose a genotoxic risk to humans.

### Impairment of Fertility

Glucagon was not tested in animal fertility studies. Studies in rats have shown that pancreatic glucagon does not cause impaired fertility.

## **16 HOW SUPPLIED/STORAGE AND HANDLING**

### **16.1 How Supplied**

GlucaGen for injection is supplied as a lyophilized white powder available as follows:

| <b>Presentation</b>                     | <b>NDC</b>   | <b>Strength</b> | <b>Description</b>   |
|---|--------------|-----------------|--|
| <b>Treatment of Severe Hypoglycemia</b> |              |                 |  |
| GlucaGen HypoKit                        | 0169-7065-15 | 1 mg per vial   | 1 mL single-dose vial of GlucaGen with 1 mL single-dose syringe of Sterile Water for Injection, USP for reconstitution |
| <b>Use as a Diagnostic Aid</b>          |              |                 |  |
| GlucaGen 10-pack: 10 Single-dose vials  | 0597-0053-45 | 1 mg per vial   | 1 mL single-dose vial of GlucaGen  |
| GlucaGen Diagnostic Kit                 | 0597-0260-10 | 1 mg per vial   | 1 mL single-dose vial of GlucaGen with 1 mL single-dose vial of Sterile Water for Injection, USP for reconstitution    |

### **16.2 Recommended Storage**

#### Before Reconstitution:

The GlucaGen package may be stored up to 24 months at controlled room temperature 20° to 25°C (68° to 77°F) prior to reconstitution. Do not freeze. Keep in the original package to protect from light.

#### After Reconstitution:

Use the reconstituted GlucaGen solution immediately. Discard any unused portion [see *Dosage and Administration (2)*].

## **17 PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION**

### Recognition of Severe Hypoglycemia

Inform patient and family members or caregivers on how to recognize the signs and

symptoms of severe hypoglycemia and the risks of prolonged hypoglycemia.

Serious Hypersensitivity

Inform patients that allergic reactions can occur with GlucaGen. Advise patients to seek immediate medical attention if they experience any symptoms of serious hypersensitivity reactions [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.3)*].

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**PRINCIPAL DISPLAY PANEL - GlucaGen diagnostic kit**

NDC 0597-0260-10

**GlucaGen<sup>®</sup>**

(glucagon) for injection

1 mg per vial

For intramuscular or intravenous injection

**GlucaGen<sup>®</sup> should be reconstituted with Sterile Water for Reconstitution immediately before use**

**Single dose. Discard unused portion. Protect from Light.**

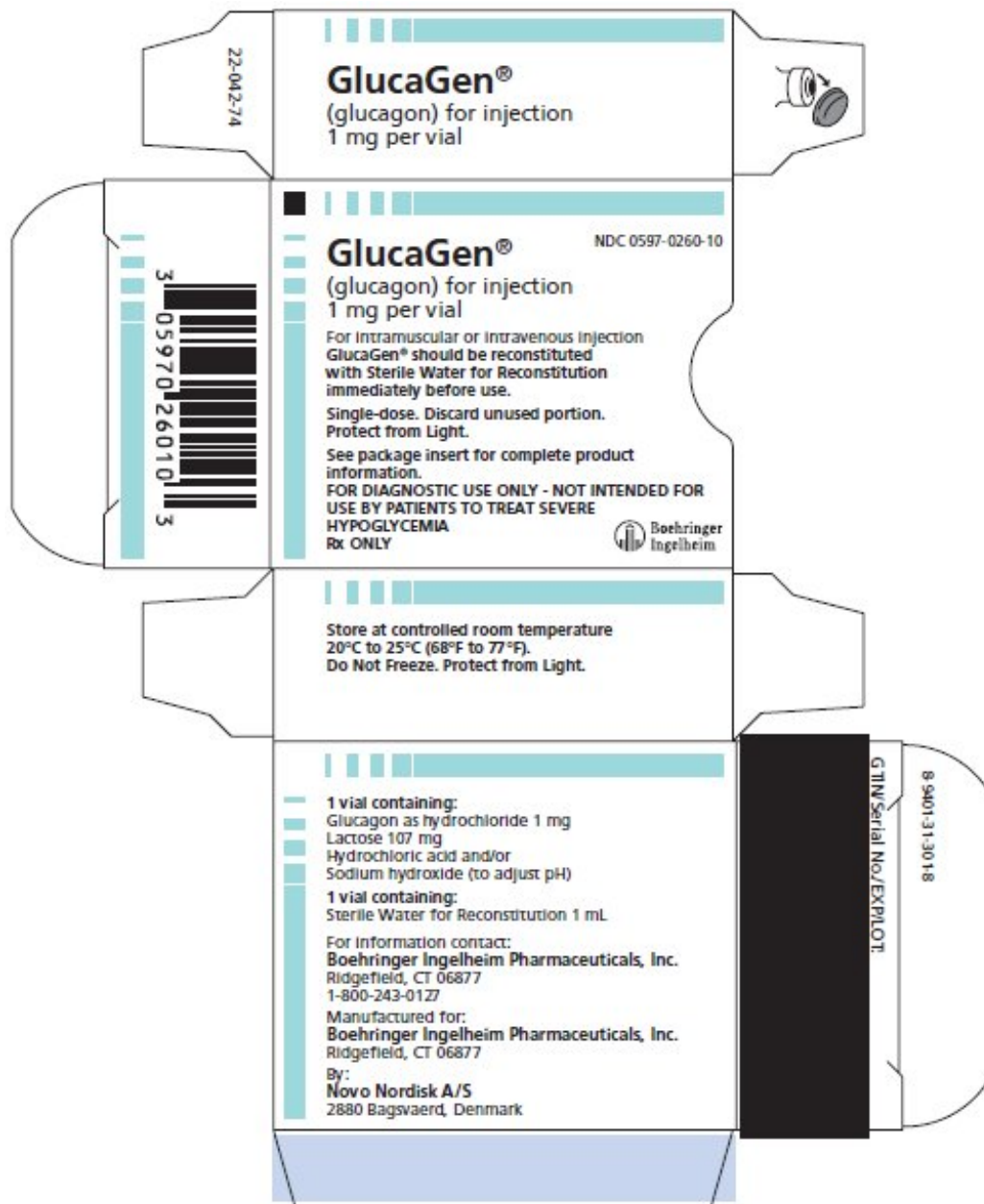
**See package insert for complete product information.**

**FOR DIAGNOSTIC USE ONLY - NOT INTENDED FOR USE BY PATIENTS TO TREAT SEVERE HYPOGLYCEMIA**

**Rx ONLY**

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**PRINCIPAL DISPLAY PANEL - GlucaGen diagnostic kit - (10 Pack)**

NDC 0597-0053-45

10 vials each containing 1 mg per vial

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(glucagon) for injection

1 mg per vial

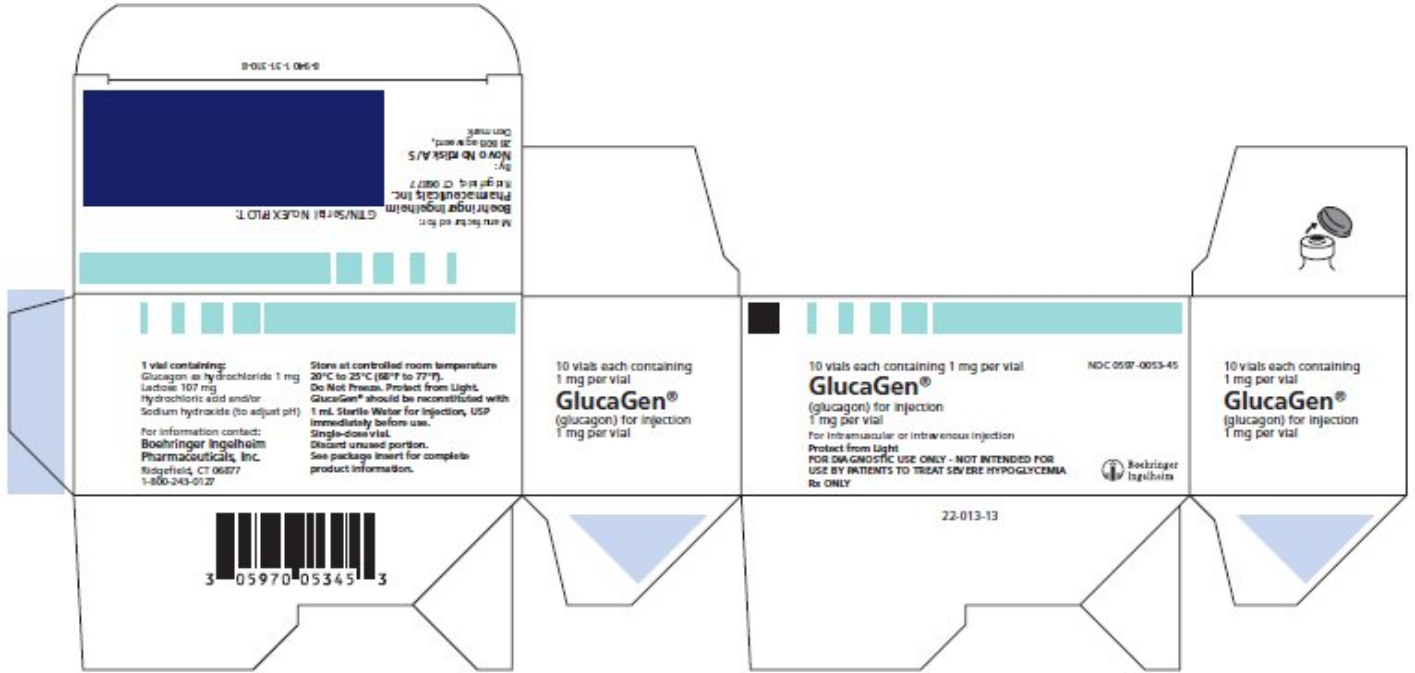
For intramuscular or intravenous injection

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**GLUCAGEN**

glucagon hydrochloride kit

**Product Information**

|                     |                         |                           |               |
|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Product Type</b> | HUMAN PRESCRIPTION DRUG | <b>Item Code (Source)</b> | NDC:0597-0260 |
|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|

**Packaging**

| # | Item Code        | Package Description                           | Marketing Start Date | Marketing End Date |
|---|------------------|---|----------------------|--------------------|
| 1 | NDC:0597-0260-10 | 1 in 1 KIT; Type 0: Not a Combination Product | 06/22/2005           |                    |

**Quantity of Parts**

| Part # | Package Quantity | Total Product Quantity |
|--------|------------------|------------------------|
| Part 1 | 1 VIAL, GLASS    | 1 mL                   |
| Part 2 | 1 VIAL, GLASS    | 1 mL                   |

**Part 1 of 2**



# GLUCAGEN

glucagon hydrochloride injection, powder, for solution

## Product Information

|                         |  |
|-------------------------|--|
| Item Code (Source)      | NDC:0597-0053                            |
| Route of Administration | INTRAMUSCULAR, INTRAVENOUS, SUBCUTANEOUS |

## Active Ingredient/Active Moiety

| Ingredient Name  | Basis of Strength | Strength        |
|--|-------------------|-----------------|
| GLUCAGON HYDROCHLORIDE (UNII: 1H87NVF4DB) (glucagon - UNII:76LA80IG2G) | glucagon          | 1 mg<br>in 1 mL |

## Inactive Ingredients

| Ingredient Name                        | Strength       |
|--|----------------|
| LACTOSE MONOHYDRATE (UNII: EWQ57Q8I5X) | 107 mg in 1 mL |

## Packaging

| # | Item Code        | Package Description                                      | Marketing Start Date | Marketing End Date |
|---|------------------|--|----------------------|--------------------|
| 1 | NDC:0597-0053-01 | 1 mL in 1 VIAL, GLASS; Type 0: Not a Combination Product |                      |                    |

## Marketing Information

| Marketing Category | Application Number or Monograph Citation | Marketing Start Date | Marketing End Date |
|--------------------|--|----------------------|--------------------|
| NDA                | NDA020918                                | 06/22/2005           |                    |

## Part 2 of 2

### WATER

water liquid

## Product Information

|                         |  |
|-------------------------|--|
| Item Code (Source)      | NDC:0597-0265                            |
| Route of Administration | INTRAMUSCULAR, INTRAVENOUS, SUBCUTANEOUS |

## Inactive Ingredients

| Ingredient Name                 | Strength     |
|---------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>WATER</b> (UNII: 059QF0KO0R) | 1 mL in 1 mL |

## Packaging

| # | Item Code        | Package Description                                      | Marketing Start Date | Marketing End Date |
|---|------------------|--|----------------------|--------------------|
| 1 | NDC:0597-0265-94 | 1 mL in 1 VIAL, GLASS; Type 0: Not a Combination Product |                      |                    |

## Marketing Information

| Marketing Category | Application Number or Monograph Citation | Marketing Start Date | Marketing End Date |
|--------------------|--|----------------------|--------------------|
| NDA                | NDA020918                                | 06/22/2005           |                    |

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| Marketing Category | Application Number or Monograph Citation | Marketing Start Date | Marketing End Date |
|--------------------|--|----------------------|--------------------|
| NDA                | NDA020918                                | 06/22/2005           |                    |

## GLUCAGEN

glucagon hydrochloride injection, powder, for solution

### Product Information

|                                |  |                           |               |
|--------------------------------|--|---------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Product Type</b>            | HUMAN PRESCRIPTION DRUG                  | <b>Item Code (Source)</b> | NDC:0597-0053 |
| <b>Route of Administration</b> | SUBCUTANEOUS, INTRAMUSCULAR, INTRAVENOUS |                           |               |

### Active Ingredient/Active Moiety

| Ingredient Name   | Basis of Strength | Strength     |
|---|-------------------|--------------|
| <b>GLUCAGON HYDROCHLORIDE</b> (UNII: 1H87NVF4DB) (GLUCAGON - UNII:76LA80IG2G) | GLUCAGON          | 1 mg in 1 mL |

## Inactive Ingredients

| Ingredient Name                               | Strength       |
|---|----------------|
| <b>LACTOSE MONOHYDRATE</b> (UNII: EWQ57Q8I5X) | 107 mg in 1 mL |

## Packaging

| # | Item Code        | Package Description                               | Marketing Start Date | Marketing End Date |
|---|------------------|---|----------------------|--------------------|
| 1 | NDC:0597-0053-45 | 10 in 1 CARTON                                    | 06/22/2005           |                    |
| 1 |                  | 1 mL in 1 VIAL; Type 0: Not a Combination Product |                      |                    |

## Marketing Information

| Marketing Category | Application Number or Monograph Citation | Marketing Start Date | Marketing End Date |
|--------------------|--|----------------------|--------------------|
| NDA                | NDA020918                                | 06/22/2005           |                    |

**Labeler** - Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (603175944)

**Registrant** - Novo Nordisk (622920320)

## Establishment

| Name             | Address | ID/FEI    | Business Operations  |
|------------------|---------|-----------|--|
| Novo Nordisk A/S |         | 306711800 | MANUFACTURE(0597-0260, 0597-0053, 0597-0053, 0597-0265) , API<br>MANUFACTURE(0597-0260, 0597-0053, 0597-0053, 0597-0265) |

## Establishment

| Name                | Address | ID/FEI    | Business Operations  |
|---------------------|---------|-----------|--|
| Catalent Belgium SA |         | 370696762 | ANALYSIS(0597-0260, 0597-0053, 0597-0265, 0597-0053) , MANUFACTURE(0597-0260, 0597-0053, 0597-0265, 0597-0053) |

## Establishment

| Name             | Address | ID/FEI    | Business Operations                                     |
|------------------|---------|-----------|---|
| Novo Nordisk A/S |         | 305156788 | MANUFACTURE(0597-0260, 0597-0053, 0597-0265, 0597-0053) |

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