

## **Glipizide**

Glipizide is a medication used for diabetes that helps to stimulate the pancreas islet cells to release insulin in response to an elevated blood sugar. Insulin is the hormone that acts on muscle and fat cells to allow them to take up blood sugar to be used as a fuel source. Glipizide is most effective when dosed at meals, and can range from 2.5 mg daily to as much as 40 mg daily (in divided doses). Glipizide has a sulfa compound in it and that may cause allergic reactions (typically skin rash) in some people. Glipizide can cause excessive insulin to be released from the pancreas, which could cause low blood sugar reactions (hypoglycemia). These reactions are most likely to occur just before the next meal or after vigorous exercise. If you have problems with a medicine, please make sure you let me know.