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This Diarrhea With Weight Loss Is Also A Side Effect Of Benicar HCT, Azor, And Tribenzor -- Other Blood Pressure Medicines Containing Olmesartan

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SUMMARY: The most recent medical article we have seen regarding the serious side effect sprue-like enteropathy and the oral angiotensin-receptor blockers (ARBs) Benicar, Benicar HCT, Azor, and Tribenzor is "A Review of Current Evidence of Olmesartan Medoxomil Mimicking Symptoms of Celiac Disease", published online by the *Journal of Pharmacy Practice* in late March 2014.

As pointed out by the FDA in July 2013 when it issued this MedWatch alert, "FDA Drug Safety Communication: FDA approves label changes to include intestinal problems (sprue-like enteropathy) linked to blood pressure medicine olmesartan medoxomil", severe and chronic diarrhea with substantial weight loss has been reported in patients taking Benicar and the other related drugs months to years after they first started using these blood pressure pills.

Of course, we are continuing to monitor this drug safety issue concerning Benicar, Benicar HCT, Azor, and Tribenzor.

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