

# Domperidone 1mg/ml Oral Suspension

## PATIENT INFORMATION LEAFLET

This medicine is called Domperidone 1mg/ml Oral Suspension but it will be referred to as Domperidone throughout this leaflet.

### **Read all of this leaflet carefully before you start taking this medicine.**

- Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.
- If you have any further questions, ask your doctor or pharmacist.
- This medicine has been prescribed for you. Do not pass it on to others. It may harm them, even if their symptoms are the same as yours.
- If any of the side effects get serious, or if you notice any side effects not listed in this leaflet, please tell your doctor or pharmacist.
- Your doctor may have given you this medicine before from another company. It may have looked slightly different. However, either brand will have the same effect.

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## **1) WHAT DOMPERIDONE IS AND WHAT IT IS USED FOR**

The name of your medicine is Domperidone 1mg/ml Oral Suspension (called Domperidone in this leaflet). The active ingredient in this medicine is called domperidone. This belongs to a group of medicines called 'dopamine antagonists'.

Domperidone works by helping to move food faster through your food pipe (oesophagus), stomach and gut. This is so that it does not stay in the same place for too long. It also helps stop food flowing the wrong way back up your food pipe.

### **Domperidone can be used for the following:**

#### **Adults**

- To stop or prevent you feeling sick (nausea) or being sick (vomiting).
- To stop or prevent the feeling of fullness during or shortly after a meal.
- To treat stomach discomfort, or heartburn caused by the flow of the stomach contents back into your food pipe.

#### **Children**

- To stop or prevent children feeling sick (nausea) or being sick (vomiting).

## **2) BEFORE YOU TAKE DOMPERIDONE**

### **Do not take Domperidone if:**

- You are allergic (hypersensitive) to domperidone or any of the other ingredients of Domperidone 1mg/ml Oral Suspension (listed in section 6: Further information). Signs of an allergic reaction include: a rash, swallowing or breathing problems, swelling of your lips, face, throat or tongue.
- You have a tumour of the pituitary gland (prolactinoma).
- You have a blockage or tear in your intestines.
- You have black, tarry bowel motions (stools) or notice blood in your bowel motions. This could be a sign of bleeding in the stomach or intestines.

Do not take Domperidone if any of the above applies to you. If you are not sure, talk to your doctor or pharmacist before taking Domperidone.

### **Take special care with Domperidone and check with your doctor or pharmacist before taking this medicine if:**

- You have any kidney problems. If you take Domperidone over a long period, your doctor may want to lower the amount you use. This will depend on how severe your kidney problems are.
- You have liver problems.

Domperidone may be associated with an increased risk of heart rhythm disorder and cardiac arrest. This risk may be more likely in those over 60 years old or taking doses higher than 30mg per day. Domperidone should be used at the lowest effective dose in adults and children.

If you are not sure if any of the above apply to you, talk to your doctor or pharmacist before taking Domperidone. Do this even if they have applied in the past.

### **Taking other medicines:**

Please tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking or have recently taken any other medicines. This includes medicines you can buy without a prescription, including herbal medicines. This is because Domperidone can affect the way some other medicines work. Also, some medicines can affect the way Domperidone works.

Do not use Domperidone and tell your doctor if you are taking any of the following:

- Ketoconazole tablets or liquid for fungal infections.
- Antibiotics for infections (such as erythromycin).

### **Pregnancy and breast-feeding**

Talk to your doctor or pharmacist before taking domperidone if:

- You are pregnant, might become pregnant or think you may be pregnant.
- You are breast-feeding. It is best not to take domperidone if you are breast-feeding. This is because small amounts may pass into the mother's milk.

### **Driving and using machines:**

You may feel sleepy, confused or have less control over your movements while taking Domperidone. If this happens, do not drive or use any tools or machines.

### **Important information about some of the ingredients of Domperidone Oral Suspension:**

This medicine contains sorbitol. If you have been told that you cannot digest or tolerate some sugars, talk to your doctor before taking domperidone.

## **3) HOW TO TAKE DOMPERIDONE**

Always take Domperidone Oral Suspension exactly as your doctor has told you. You should check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure.

### **Taking this medicine**

- Take this medicine by mouth.
- Take your medicine using the plastic measuring cup provided with Domperidone Oral Suspension.
- This cup is marked in ml (millilitres) to help you measure out the correct amount of this medicine.
- Take your medicine 15 to 30 minutes before a meal and, if needed, before you go to bed.

The usual dose is:

- **Adults and teenagers** (over 12 years of age and who weigh more than 35kg).
- Take 10ml to 20ml of the suspension, three or four times each day. Do not take more than 80ml of Domperidone Oral Suspension a day.
- **Babies and children**  
Your doctor will work out the dose. This will depend on the weight of your child. Do not give your child any more than 80 ml of Domperidone Oral Suspension a day.

## People with kidney problems

Your doctor may tell you to take a lower dose or to take the medicine less often.

## How long can I take this medicine for?

Your doctor will decide how long you will need to take this medicine.

If you take Domperidone for more than 4 weeks your doctor may wish to see you again. This is to check if you need to keep taking the treatment.

## If you take more Domperidone than you should:

- If you have taken more Domperidone than you should, talk to a doctor or go to the nearest hospital casualty department straight away. Take the carton and bottle containing any remaining medicine with you. This is so the doctors know what you have taken.
- The signs of taking more than you should include feeling sleepy, confused, uncontrolled movements (especially in children) which include unusual eye movements, unusual movements of the tongue or abnormal posture (such as a twisted neck).

## If you forget to take Domperidone:

- If you forget to take Domperidone, take it as soon as you remember.
- However if it is time for the next dose, skip the missed dose.
- Do not take a double dose to make up for a forgotten dose.

## 4) POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS

Like all medicines, Domperidone can have side effects, although not everybody gets them.

### Stop taking Domperidone and see your doctor or go to a hospital straightaway if:

- You get swelling of the hands, feet, ankles, face, lips or throat which may cause difficulty in swallowing or breathing. You could also notice an itchy, lumpy rash (hives) or nettle rash (urticaria). This may mean you are having an allergic reaction to Domperidone.
- You notice any uncontrolled movements. These include irregular eye movements, unusual movements of the tongue, and abnormal posture such as a twisted neck, trembling and muscle stiffness. This is more likely to happen in children. These symptoms should stop once you stop taking Domperidone.
- You have a very fast or unusual heartbeat. This could be a sign of a life-threatening heart problem.

### Other side effects include:

#### Rare (affects less than 1 in 1,000 people)

- Unusual production of breast milk in men and women.
- Breast enlargement in men.
- Lowering of sexual drive (libido) in men.
- In women, menstrual periods may be irregular or stop.
- Stomach problems, including mild stomach cramps.

#### Very rare (affects less than 1 in 10,000 people)

- Itchy skin. You may also have a rash.
- A blood test shows changes in the way your liver is working.
- Headaches.
- Feeling agitated or irritable.
- Feeling more nervous than usual.
- Fits.
- Feeling drowsy.

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Side effects such as feeling drowsy, nervous, agitated or irritable or having a fit are more likely to happen in children.

Talk to your doctor or pharmacist if any of the side effects get serious or last longer than a few days, or if you notice any side effects not listed in this leaflet.

## 5) HOW TO STORE DOMPERIDONE

- Keep out of the sight and reach of children.
- Do not take Domperidone Oral Suspension after the expiry date stated on the pack. The expiry date refers to the last day of the month.
- Do not store above 30°C.
- If the medicine shows any signs of deterioration seek the advice of your pharmacist.
- Ask your pharmacist how to dispose of medicines you no longer need. Do not dispose of medicines by flushing down a toilet or sink, or by throwing them out with your normal household rubbish. This will help to protect the environment.

## 6) FURTHER INFORMATION

### What Domperidone 1mg/ml Oral Suspension contains.

Domperidone 1mg/ml Oral Suspension contains domperidone (the active ingredient). It also contains sodium saccharin (E954), microcrystalline cellulose (E460), sodium carboxymethylcellulose (E466), sorbitol solution (non crystallizing) (E420), methyl parahydroxybenzoate (E218), propyl parahydroxybenzoate (E216), polysorbate 20 (E432), sodium hydroxide and purified water.

### What Domperidone 1mg/ml Oral Suspension looks like and contents of the pack

Each pack contains a 200 millilitre bottle of a white coloured liquid suspension.

### Manufacturer

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