

## Information for the user



# Migraine Relief 50 mg Tablets (Sumatriptan)

**Read all of this leaflet carefully because it contains important information for you.**

This medicine is available without prescription to relieve migraine. However, you still need to take it carefully to get the best results from it.

- Keep this leaflet, you may need to read it again
- Ask your pharmacist if you need more information or advice

## What this medicine is for

This medicine contains Sumatriptan which belongs to a group of medicines called 5HT<sub>1</sub> agonists ('triptans'), which act to reduce the swelling of blood vessels in the head.

It can be used to relieve migraine attacks that happen with or without warning signs ('aura'), such as sensitivity to light, feeling sick and being sick, in people who have previously been diagnosed with migraine.

This medicine does not prevent a migraine attack, and should therefore only be taken once the migraine has started.

## Before you take this medicine

This medicine can be taken by adults between the ages of 18 and 65 years. However some people should not take this medicine or should seek the advice of their pharmacist or doctor first.

### X Do not take:

- **If you are allergic** to any of the ingredients (see 'What is in this medicine') or sulphonamide antibiotics
- **If you have not been diagnosed with migraine** by a doctor or pharmacist
- **If you are trying to prevent a migraine attack**
- **If you have had a heart attack, stroke or mini stroke**
- **If you have any of these heart or blood vessel problems:**
  - Blocked blood vessels
  - Angina
  - Unusual heart rhythm
  - High blood pressure
  - Poor circulation which causes cold hands and feet
- **If you have** liver or kidney problems
- **If you have epilepsy** or are prone to fits
- **If you are taking the following medicines:**
  - Ergotamine or methyldihydralazine (for migraine)
  - Other 5HT<sub>1</sub> agonists ('triptans') for migraine
- **If you are taking monoamine oxidase inhibitors** (for depression), or have taken them within the last 14 days
- **If you have been told by your doctor that you have a rare form of migraine** such as hemiplegic, basilar or ophthalmoplegic migraine
- **If you have an intolerance to some sugars**, unless your doctor tells you to (this medicine contains lactose)
- **If you are pregnant or breastfeeding**, unless your doctor tells you to

## **! Talk to your pharmacist or doctor:**

- If your headaches normally last for more than 24 hours
- If your normal pattern of migraine symptoms has changed
- If your attacks are more frequent, last longer or are more severe
- If you don't fully recover from your attacks
- If you have four or more migraine attacks each month
- If you are over 50 years and this is the first time you are experiencing migraine symptoms
- If your symptoms include weakness on one side of your body, double vision, clumsy movements, ringing in the ears, reduced level of consciousness, fit-like movements, a recent rash with a headache
- If you are a woman who has had the menopause, or a man over 40 years
- If you have high cholesterol
- If you smoke regularly, or use Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT)
- If you are very overweight
- If you have diabetes or a family history of early heart disease

## **Other important information**

**Driving and using machines:** This medicine or your migraine may make you feel sleepy or affect your vision. You should not drive or use machines until you are sure you are not affected.

**If you go into hospital or have any blood tests:** If you have any blood tests, including those to check if the liver is working, tell the doctor or hospital staff that you are taking this medicine.

This medicine may also affect the results of 'ECG' tests, which are used to view the rhythm and working of the heart.

## **If you take other medicines**

Before you take these tablets, make sure that you tell your pharmacist about ANY other medicines you might be using at the same time, particularly the following:

- Medicines for depression
- Products containing St John's Wort
- The contraceptive "pill"

If you are unsure about interactions with any other medicines, talk to your pharmacist. This includes medicines prescribed by your doctor and medicine you have bought for yourself, including herbal and homeopathic remedies.

## **✓ How to take this medicine**

Check the foil is not broken before use. If it is, do not take that tablet.

Age	How many to take	How often to take
Adults aged 18 to 65 years	One tablet	As soon as possible after the first signs of a migraine. If your symptoms go away and come back, you can take another tablet after 2 hours. <b>Don't take more than 2 tablets in 24 hours.</b>

If you do not get any relief from the first tablet do not take a second tablet for the same attack.

Swallow the tablet whole with water.

Do not give to children under 18 years.

Do not take if you are over 65 years.

Do not take more than the amount recommended above.

If symptoms do not go away talk to your doctor.

! **If you take too many tablets:** Go to your nearest hospital casualty department or talk to a doctor straight away. Take your medicine and this leaflet with you.

## **Possible side effects**

Most people will not have problems, but some may get some.

! **If you get any of these serious side effects, stop taking the tablets. See a doctor at once:**

- Red, raised, itchy skin rash, difficulty breathing, swelling of the face, neck, tongue or throat (severe allergic reactions)
- Fits
- Heart problems including chest pain and heart attack
- Poor circulation in your hands and feet which may cause pale blue skin in your fingers and toes

**These other effects are less serious. If they bother you talk to a pharmacist:**

- Tingling decreased sensitivity (particularly to touch)
- Dizziness, feeling sleepy
- Rapid and uncontrollable movement of the eyes, visual disturbance, loss of vision
- Fast, slow or irregular heart beat, changes in the way the heart works (this may show up in 'ECG' tests)
- High or low blood pressure, flushing
- Shortness of breath
- Feeling sick or being sick
- General feeling of heaviness, weakness or feeling very tired
- Feeling worried or afraid, shaking
- Stiff neck
- Pain in the joints, unusual muscle spasms, rigidity or stiffness
- Abdominal pain and bloody stools
- Diarrhoea
- Increased sweating
- Pressure, heaviness, tightness or pain in the chest, throat or other parts of the body, or feelings of tingling, cold or warmth – this may happen within 30 minutes of taking a tablet and should last for less than 2 hours
- Changes in the way the liver works (this may show up in blood tests)

## **Reporting side effects**

If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet.

You can also report side effects directly via the Yellow Card Scheme at:

<http://www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard>. By reporting side effects you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

## **How to store this medicine**

Keep this medicine in a safe place out of the sight and reach of children, preferably in a locked cupboard.

Use by the date on the end flap of the carton.

## **What is in this medicine**

Each film-coated tablet contains Sumatriptan 50 mg, which is the active ingredient.

As well as the active ingredient, the tablets also contain lactose monohydrate, croscarmellose sodium, microcrystalline cellulose, silica colloidal anhydrous, magnesium stearate. The tablet coating contains Opadry peach (containing hypromellose, titanium dioxide (E171), lactose monohydrate, macrogol, glycerol triacetate, iron oxide red (E172), iron oxide yellow (E172), iron oxide black (E172)).

The pack contains 2 peach oblong-shaped tablets marked with '5' and '0' on one side and a score line on each side.

## **Who makes this medicine**

Manufactured for The Boots Company PLC Nottingham NG2 3AA by the Marketing Authorisation holder TEVA UK Limited Eastbourne BN22 9AG

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If you would like any further information about this medicine, please contact The Boots Company PLC Nottingham NG2 3AA.

## **Other formats**

To request a copy of this leaflet in Braille, large print or audio please call, free of charge:

0800 198 5000 (UK only)

Please be ready to give the following information:

Product name: Boots Migraine Relief 50 mg Tablets

Reference number: 00289/0586

This is a service provided by the Royal National Institute of Blind People.

## **Information on migraine**

Most migraine attacks occur for no apparent reason. However, something may trigger migraine attacks in some people. Triggers can be all sorts of things. For example:

**Diet:** Dieting too fast, irregular meals, cheese, chocolate, red wines, citrus fruits.

**Environmental:** Smoking and smoky rooms, glaring light, VDU screens or flickering TV sets, loud noises, strong smells.

**Psychological:** Stress, anxiety, anger, tiredness, etc.

**Other:** Periods (menstruation), shift work, different sleep patterns, the menopause, some medicines e.g. the Pill.

It may help if you keep a migraine diary. Note down when and where each migraine attack started, what you were doing, and what you had eaten that day. A pattern may emerge, and it may be possible to avoid one or more things that may trigger your migraine attacks.

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