Te Whatu Ora
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ONDANSETRON

on-dan-se-tron

What does it do?

Ondansetron is used to treat and prevent nausea and vomiting.

Before you start

- Tell your doctor if you have liver, heart or bowel problems.
- Tell your doctor if you are pregnant, planning to become pregnant, or breastfeeding.
- Tell your doctor if you have phenylketonuria (PKU). The orodispersible tablets and wafers may contain aspartame (a source of phenylalanine).

How should you take it?

Take *ondansetron* tablets as directed with a glass of water.
Place *ondansetron* wafers or 'orodispersible' tablets on the tongue. Allow to soften for a few seconds and then swallow.

What if you forget a dose?

Should an occasional dose be missed it need not be taken later.

Can you take other medicines?

Some medicines available without a prescription may react with *ondansetron* including:

- some migraine medicines, such as sumatriptan (e.g. Sumagran Active®)

Tell your pharmacist or doctor about all medicines or treatments that you may be taking, including vitamins, herbal products (e.g. St John's wort) or recreational drugs.

What side effects might you notice?

Side Effects	Recommended action
Fast or irregular heartbeat, fainting	Tell your doctor immediately
Headache, dizziness Drowsiness, tiredness or weakness Flushing, fever Tingling or numbness Constipation	Tell your doctor if troublesome

If you notice any other effects, discuss them with your doctor or pharmacist.