

SUMATRIPTAN

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What does it do?

Sumatriptan is used to treat migraines and sometimes other types of headache.

How should you take it?

Take *sumatriptan* as directed at the start of migraine symptoms.

Take the tablets with a large glass of water.

Inject the injection under the skin as directed.

Do not take more than one dose for the same migraine.

Can you take other medicines?

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

- cold and flu medicines containing dextromethorphan (e.g. Robitussin Dry Cough Forte®)

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 (e.g. ecstasy).

What side effects might you notice?

Side Effects	Recommended action
Pain, tightness or pressure in your chest, throat or jaw Fast or irregular heartbeat Trouble breathing	Tell your doctor immediately
Drowsiness, tiredness or weakness Dizziness, hot flushing Burning sensation, tingling or numbness Muscle aches and pains Sore throat, runny or blocked nose Stomach upset Pain, tenderness or redness at injection site	Tell your doctor if troublesome

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

Other information:

- Tell your doctor if you have heart or liver problems, high blood pressure, depression, or a history of stroke or 'mini-stroke'.
- Tell your doctor if you are pregnant, planning to become pregnant, or breastfeeding.
- Do not take more than 300 mg of the *sumatriptan* tablets, or 12 mg of the *sumatriptan* injection (2 injections) in 24 hours.
- Do not use *sumatriptan* to prevent the onset of migraines.
- *Sumatriptan* may make you dizzy or sleepy and make it dangerous to drive, operate machinery or do other activities that require you to be alert. Limit alcohol intake because it can increase these effects.