

Palonosetron Medsurge

Consumer Medicine Information (CMI) summary

The [full CMI](#) on the next page has more details. If you are worried about taking this medicine, speak to your doctor or pharmacist.

1. Why am I taking Palonosetron Medsurge?

Palonosetron Medsurge contains the active ingredient palonosetron hydrochloride. Palonosetron is used in the prevention of nausea and vomiting induced by cytotoxic chemotherapy, prevention of postoperative nausea and vomiting (PONV) for up to 24 hours following surgery.

For more information, see Section [1. Why am I taking Palonosetron Medsurge?](#) in the full CMI.

2. What should I know before I take Palonosetron Medsurge?

Do not take if you have ever had an allergic reaction to Palonosetron Medsurge or any of the ingredients listed at the end of the CMI.

Talk to your doctor if you have any other medical conditions, take any other medicines, or are pregnant or plan to become pregnant or are breastfeeding.

For more information, see Section [2. What should I know before I take Palonosetron Medsurge?](#) in the full CMI.

3. What if I am taking other medicines?

Some medicines may interfere with pomalidomide and affect how it works.

A list of these medicines is in Section [3. What if I am taking other medicines?](#) in the full CMI.

4. How do I take Palonosetron Medsurge?

- Palonosetron Medsurge is given as an injection into a vein. A doctor or nurse will normally inject it
- Your doctor will decide how much of this medicine you will be given and for how long.

More instructions can be found in Section [4. How do I take Palonosetron Medsurge?](#) in the full CMI.

5. What should I know while taking Palonosetron Medsurge?

Things you should do	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tell your doctor if you experience any problems with this medicine.• Tell your doctor if you are pregnant or breastfeeding.• Tell your doctor if you are taking any other medications.
Driving or using machines	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Palonosetron Medsurge may induce dizziness, somnolence or fatigue. If you experience any of these symptoms, do not drive, operate machinery or do anything else that could be dangerous.
Looking after your medicine	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Store below 25°C. Protect from light.

For more information, see Section [5. What should I know while taking Palonosetron Medsurge?](#) in the full CMI.

6. Are there any side effects?

The following common side effects may occur. Tell your doctor, nurse or pharmacist if you notice any of the below reactions and they worry you.

- Headache
- Dizziness
- Constipation
- Diarrhoea

For more information, including what to do if you have any side effects, see Section [6. Are there any side effects?](#) in the full CMI.

Palonosetron Medsurge

Active ingredient(s): *Palonosetron hydrochloride*

Consumer Medicine Information (CMI)

This leaflet provides important information about taking Palonosetron Medsurge. **You should also speak to your doctor or pharmacist if you would like further information or if you have any concerns or questions about taking Palonosetron Medsurge.**

Where to find information in this leaflet:

- [1. Why am I taking Palonosetron Medsurge?](#)
- [2. What should I know before I take Palonosetron Medsurge?](#)
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1. Why am I taking Palonosetron Medsurge?

Palonosetron Medsurge contains the active ingredient **palonosetron hydrochloride**. Palonosetron is used in the prevention of nausea and vomiting induced by cytotoxic chemotherapy, prevention of postoperative nausea and vomiting (PONV) for up to 24 hours following surgery. Palonosetron belongs to a group of medicines known as serotonin (5-HT₃) antagonists.

2. What should I know before I take Palonosetron Medsurge?

Warnings

Do not take Palonosetron Medsurge if:

- you are allergic to palonosetron hydrochloride or any of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet.
- Always check the ingredients to make sure you can use this medicine.

Check with your doctor if you:

- are pregnant or think you might be, your doctor will not use this medicine unless it is clearly necessary as it is not known

During treatment, you may be at risk of developing certain side effects. It is important you understand these risks and how to monitor for them. See additional information under Section [6. Are there any side effects?](#)

Pregnancy and breastfeeding

Check with your doctor if you are pregnant or intend to become pregnant.

Talk to your doctor if you are breastfeeding or intend to breastfeed.

It is not known if this medicine is found in breast milk. You should ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before using it if you are breast-feeding.

3. What if I am taking other medicines?

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking any other medicines, including any medicines, vitamins or supplements that you buy without a prescription from your pharmacy, supermarket or health food shop.

Some medicines may affect the way other medicines work. Your doctor or pharmacist will be able to tell you what to do when being given this medicine with other medicines.

Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure about what medicines, vitamins or supplements you are taking and if these affect Palonosetron Medsurge.

4. How do I take Palonosetron Medsurge?

How much to take / use

- Palonosetron Medsurge is given as an injection into a vein. A doctor or nurse will normally inject it
- Your doctor will decide how much of this medicine you will be given and for how long.

When to take / use Palonosetron Medsurge

- about 30 minutes before the start of chemotherapy or
- right before anaesthesia for surgery.
- Palonosetron Medsurge is intended for single use in one patient.

If you take too much Palonosetron Medsurge

As Palonosetron Medsurge is given to you under the supervision of your doctor, it is very unlikely that you will receive too much. However, if you experience any side effects after being given it, tell your doctor immediately.

You should immediately:

- phone the Poisons Information Centre (**by calling 13 11 26**), or
- contact your doctor, or
- go to the Emergency Department at your nearest hospital.

You should do this even if there are no signs of discomfort or poisoning.

5. What should I know while taking Palonosetron Medsurge?

Things you should do

If the medicine starts to upset you or your symptoms become worse, tell your doctor.

Tell any other doctors, dentists, and pharmacists who are treating you that you are being treated with this medicine.

Tell your doctor if you become pregnant during treatment with this medicine.

Driving or using machines

Be careful before you drive or use any machines or tools until you know how Palonosetron Medsurge affects you.

Palonosetron Medsurge may induce dizziness, somnolence or fatigue. If you experience any of these symptoms, do not drive, operate machinery or do anything else that could be dangerous.

Looking after your medicine

- Store below 25°C.
- Store in the original container.
- Keep the container in the outer carton to protect from light.

Keep it where young children cannot reach it.

Getting rid of any unwanted medicine

If you no longer need to use this medicine or it is out of date, take it to any pharmacy for safe disposal.

Do not take this medicine after the expiry date.

6. Are there any side effects?

All medicines can have side effects. If you do experience any side effects, most of them are minor and temporary. However, some side effects may need medical attention. See the information below and, if you need to, ask your doctor or pharmacist if you have any further questions about side effects.

Less serious side effects

Less serious side effects	What to do
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Headache • Dizziness • Constipation • Diarrhoea 	<p>Tell your doctor, nurse or pharmacist if you notice any of the Less serious side effects reactions and they worry you.</p>

Serious side effects

Serious side effects	What to do
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loss of appetite • Anxiety or euphoria • Sleep disturbances • Change of sensation in your limbs • Visual or hearing disturbances • Motion sickness • Change in heart rate • Prominent or discoloured veins • Hiccups, flatulence or dry mouth • Upset stomach or stomach pain • Rash • Joint pain • Difficulty passing water • Weakness or tiredness • Fever or a flu-like illness 	<p>You should tell your doctor if you notice any of the Serious side effects</p>

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you notice anything else that may be making you feel unwell.

Other side effects not listed here may occur in some people.

Reporting side effects

After you have received medical advice for any side effects you experience, you can report side effects to the Therapeutic Goods Administration online at www.tga.gov.au/reporting-problems. By reporting side effects, you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

Always make sure you speak to your doctor or pharmacist before you decide to stop taking any of your medicines.

7. Product details

This medicine is only available with a doctor's prescription.

What Palonosetron Medsurge contains

Active ingredient (main ingredient)	Palonosetron hydrochloride
Other ingredients (inactive ingredients)	mannitol, disodium edetate, citric acid monohydrate, sodium citrate dihydrate, sodium hydroxide and/or hydrochloric acid water for injections.
Potential allergens	none

Do not take this medicine if you are allergic to any of these ingredients.

What Palonosetron Medsurge looks like

Palonosetron Medsurge is a colourless solution, supplied in a pack of one glass vial, which contains 5 mL of the solution. (Aust R 391571).

Who distributes Palonosetron Medsurge

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