

IMIGRAN tablets

Consumer Medicine Information (CMI) summary

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

1. Why am I using IMIGRAN ?

IMIGRAN contains the active ingredient sumatriptan (as succinate). It is used to relieve a migraine attack in patients who have a stable, well-established pattern of symptoms. IMIGRAN may be used for migraine headaches with or without what is known as 'aura'. For more information, see Section [1. Why am I using IMIGRAN?](#) in the full CMI.

2. What should I know before I use IMIGRAN?

Do not use if you have ever had an allergic reaction to sumatriptan (as succinate), lactose or any of the other 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, plan to become pregnant or are breastfeeding.

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

3. What if I am taking other medicines?

Some medicines may interfere with IMIGRAN 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 use IMIGRAN?

- Your doctor will tell you which dose of IMIGRAN is right for you.
- Swallow IMIGRAN tablets whole with a drink of water. Do not crush or chew tablet as it has a bitter taste.

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

5. What should I know while using IMIGRAN?

Things you should do	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Remind any doctor, dentist or pharmacist you visit that you are using IMIGRAN.• Tell your doctor if, for any reason you have not taken your medicine exactly as directed.
Things you should not do	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Do not give this medication to anyone else, even if their symptoms seem like yours.
Driving or using machines	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Be careful driving or operating machinery until you know how IMIGRAN tablets affect you. IMIGRAN may cause drowsiness in some people.
Looking after your medicine	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Store IMIGRAN tablets in a cool, dry place where the temperature stays below 30°C.• Keep IMIGRAN tablets in their pack until it is time to take them.

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

6. Are there any side effects?

Check with your doctor as soon as possible if you think you are experiencing any side effects or allergic reactions due to taking IMIGRAN tablets.

Some mild side effects include pain, tingling, heat or flushing in any part of the body, feeling of sleepiness, dizziness or tiredness, nausea (feeling sick) or vomiting, a change in blood pressure, feeling of faintness, problem with your eyesight and pain in the lower tummy and bloody diarrhea (ischemic colitis), shaking or tremors, uncontrolled movements, shortness of breath. Some serious side effects which may require medical attention include feel irregular heartbeats, suffer from a fit or convulsion, have wheezing or swelling of the lips/mouth, difficulty in breathing, hay fever, lumpy rash ("hives") or fainting, feel heaviness, pressure or tightness in any part of the body including the chest or throat and have persistent purple discolouration and/or pain in the fingers, toes, ears, nose or jaw in response to cold.

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.

IMIGRAN tablets

Active ingredient: *sumatriptan (as succinate)*

Consumer Medicine Information (CMI)

This leaflet provides important information about using IMIGRAN tablets.

You should also speak to your doctor or pharmacist if you would like further information or if you have any concerns or questions about using IMIGRAN.

Where to find information in this leaflet:

- [1. Why am I using IMIGRAN?](#)
- [2. What should I know before I use IMIGRAN?](#)
- [3. What if I am taking other medicines?](#)
- [4. How do I use IMIGRAN?](#)
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- [6. Are there any side effects?](#)
- [7. Product details](#)

1. Why am I using IMIGRAN?

IMIGRAN contains the active ingredient sumatriptan (as succinate), which belongs to a group of medicines called serotonin agonists.

IMIGRAN is used to relieve a migraine attack in patients who have a stable, well-established pattern of headache symptoms, with or without what is known as 'aura'. It should not be used to prevent migraine attacks from occurring.

Migraine headache is probably due to widening of certain blood vessels in the head. This medicine works by making those vessels normal again and eases the symptoms of migraine.

IMIGRAN does not work in other types of headaches which are not a migraine.

IMIGRAN is not addictive.

2. What should I know before I use IMIGRAN?

Warnings

Do not take IMIGRAN if:

- you are allergic to sumatriptan (as succinate), lactose or any of the other ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet.
- you have or have had:
 - heart disease or heart attack.

- shortness of breath, pain or tightness in chest, jaw or upper arm.
- peripheral vascular disease (pain in the back of the legs) or are prone to cold, tingling or numb hands and feet.
- Prinzmetal's angina (an uncommon form of angina where pain is experienced at rest rather than during activity).
- angina.
- high blood pressure.
- severe liver disease.
- you have taken any of the following migraine medicines in the last 24 hours:
 - ergotamine (e.g. Cafergot)
 - dihydroergotamine (e.g. Dihyergot)
 - methysergide (e.g. Deseril)
 - naratriptan (e.g. Naramig)
 - zolmitriptan (e.g. Zomig).
- you have taken any of the following medicines used to treat depression in the last two weeks:
 - monoamine oxidase inhibitors (MAOIs).
 - SSRIs (selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors)
 - SNRIs (serotonin-noradrenaline reuptake inhibitors).
- the expiry date printed on the pack has passed.
- the packaging is torn or shows signs of tampering.

Check with your doctor if you:

- are allergic to foods, dyes, preservatives or any other medicines, including any that contain sulfur (e.g. sulfonamide antibiotics).
- are taking or have taken medicines in the last two weeks, including medicines you buy without a prescription, particularly herbal preparations containing St John's Wort and medicines prescribed for depression.
- have or have had medical conditions such as:
 - liver or kidney problems
 - heart problems or a stroke
 - risk factors including high blood pressure even if it is under control
 - high blood cholesterol levels
 - a family history of heart problems
 - obesity
 - diabetes
 - you are a male and over 40 years of age
 - you are female and have undergone menopause
 - you smoke
 - suffer from epilepsy, seizures, or fits or been told that you are prone to this problem
- are under 18 or over 65 years of age
- think that this headache is different and worse than your usual migraine.
- have difficulty moving one side of your body when you have the migraine headache.

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, intend to become pregnant or are breastfeeding.

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 interfere with IMIGRAN and affect how it works.

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

4. How do I use IMIGRAN?

How much to take

The recommended starting dose for adults aged 18 to 65 is 1 tablet (or 50 mg strength), however you may need to have your dose of this medicine increased to 2 tablets (or 100 mg). Your doctor will tell you which dose is right for you.

Do NOT take more than 6 tablets (or 300 mg total strength) IMIGRAN tablets in any 24 hours.

If the first IMIGRAN tablet helps your migraine, but the migraine comes back later, you may take another IMIGRAN tablet.

Do NOT take more IMIGRAN tablets, or any other form of IMIGRAN if the first dose has not provided any relief from your symptoms.

You may take your usual headache relief medication provided it does not contain ergotamine or methysergide.

If you are not sure what to do, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

If your migraine is not relieved by IMIGRAN, you may use this medicine on another occasion to treat another migraine attack. Provided there are no side effects, you can use IMIGRAN tablets to treat at least three separate migraine attacks before you and your doctor decide if this medicine is ineffective for you.

When to take IMIGRAN

It is best to take IMIGRAN tablets when the migraine headache begins; or when other symptoms of the

migraine begin, such as nausea (feeling sick), vomiting or your eyes becoming sensitive to light.

If you take your tablet later during the migraine attack it will still work for you.

DO NOT take IMIGRAN tablets before the above symptoms occur.

How to take it

Swallow whole with a drink of water. Do not crush or chew the tablet as it has a bitter taste.

If you use too much IMIGRAN

If you think that you have used too many IMIGRAN tablets you may need urgent medical attention.

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 using IMIGRAN?

Things you should do

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if, for any reason, you have not taken your medicine exactly as directed.

Otherwise, your doctor may think that it is not working and change your treatment unnecessarily.

If you are about to be started on any new medicine, tell your doctor that you are taking IMIGRAN.

Things you should not do

Do not give this medicine to anyone else, even if their symptoms seem like yours.

If you use IMIGRAN too often, it may make your headache worse. If this happens, your doctor may tell you to stop taking IMIGRAN.

Driving or using machines

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

This medicine may cause drowsiness in some people.

Looking after your medicine

Store IMIGRAN tablets in a cool, dry place where the temperature stays below 30°C.

Do not store it:

- in the bathroom or near a sink, or
- in the car or on window sills.

Keep IMIGRAN tablets in their pack until it is time to take them.

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.

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">• pain, tingling, heat or flushing in any part of the body• feeling of sleepiness, dizziness or tiredness• nausea (feeling sick) or vomiting• a change in blood pressure• feeling of faintness• hay fever• shaking or tremors• uncontrolled movements• shortness of breath.	<p>Speak to your doctor if you have any of these less serious side effects and they worry you.</p>

Serious side effects

Serious side effects	What to do
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• feelings of heaviness, pressure or tightness in any part of the body including the chest or throat• irregular heart beats• fit or convulsion• problems with eyesight• pain in the lower tummy and bloody diarrhoea (ischaemic colitis)• persistent purple discolouration and/or pain in the fingers, toes, ears, nose or jaw in response to cold• allergic reactions such as:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• wheezing, swelling of the lips/mouth• difficulty in breathing• hay fever• lumpy rash (hives)• fainting.	<p>STOP taking this medicine and call your doctor or go straight to the Emergency Department at your nearest hospital if you notice any of these 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

IMIGRAN tablets are only available with a doctor's prescription.

What IMIGRAN tablets contain

Active ingredient (main ingredient)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• sumatriptan (as succinate) 50 mg/tablet
Other ingredients (inactive ingredients)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• lactose• lactose monohydrate• microcrystalline cellulose• croscarmellose sodium• magnesium stearate• opadry YS-1-1441-G (pink coating).
Potential allergens	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• sugars as lactose.

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

What IMIGRAN tablets look like

IMIGRAN 50 mg is a pink, film-coated, capsule-shaped biconvex tablet, engraved '50' on one face and plain on the other. The pink film-coating protects the tablet. Available in packs of 4 tablets.

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Who distributes IMIGRAN tablets

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