

# Sumatriptan generichealth

## Consumer Medicine Information (CMI) Summary [optional]

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 Sumatriptan generichealth?

Sumatriptan generichealth 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. Sumatriptan generichealth may be used for migraine headaches with or without what is known as 'aura'.

For more information, see Section [1. Why am I using Sumatriptan generichealth?](#) in the full CMI.

### 2. What should I know before I use Sumatriptan generichealth?

Do not use if you have ever had an allergic reaction to sumatriptan (as succinate) or any of the ingredients listed at the end of the CMI.

**Talk to your doctor or pharmacist 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 use Sumatriptan generichealth?](#) in the full CMI.

### 3. What if I am taking other medicines?

Some medicines may interfere with Sumatriptan generichealth 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 Sumatriptan generichealth

- Your doctor will tell you which dose of Sumatriptan generichealth is right for you.
- Swallow Sumatriptan generichealth 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 Sumatriptan generichealth?](#) in the full CMI.

### 5. What should I know while using Sumatriptan generichealth?

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

For more information, see Section [5. What should I know while using Sumatriptan generichealth?](#) 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 Sumatriptan generichealth 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.

# Sumatriptan generichealth

**Active ingredient:** sumatriptan (as succinate)

## Consumer Medicine Information (CMI)

This leaflet provides important information about using Sumatriptan generichealth. **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 Sumatriptan generichealth.**

**Where to find information in this leaflet:**

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

## 1. Why am I using Sumatriptan generichealth?

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

Sumatriptan generichealth 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.

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

Sumatriptan generichealth is not addictive.

## 2. What should I know before I use Sumatriptan generichealth?

### Warnings

**Do not use Sumatriptan generichealth 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. Dihydergot);
  - 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 Sumatriptan generichealth 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 Sumatriptan generichealth.**

### 4. How do I use Sumatriptan generichealth?

#### How much to take

The recommended starting dose for adults aged 18 to 65 is 50 mg, however you may need to have your dose of Sumatriptan generichealth increased to 100 mg. Your doctor will tell you which dose is right for you.

**Do not take more than 300 mg of Sumatriptan generichealth in any 24 hours. Six pink (50 mg strength) or three white (100 mg strength) tablets contain 300 mg.**

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

**Do NOT take more Sumatriptan generichealth tablets, or any other form of Sumatriptan generichealth 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 Sumatriptan generichealth, you may use this medicine on another occasion to treat another migraine attack. Provided there are no side effects, you can use Sumatriptan generichealth 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 use Sumatriptan generichealth

It is best to take Sumatriptan generichealth 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 Sumatriptan generichealth 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 Sumatriptan generichealth

If you think that you have used too much Sumatriptan generichealth, 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 Sumatriptan generichealth?

#### 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 Sumatriptan generichealth.**

#### Things you should not do

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

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

#### Driving or using machines

**Be careful before you drive or use any machines or tools until you know how Sumatriptan generichealth affects you.**

Sumatriptan generichealth may cause drowsiness in some people

#### Looking after your medicine

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

Store it in a cool dry place away from moisture, heat or sunlight; for example, do not store it:

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

Keep Sumatriptan generichealth 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.

Do not use 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.

### Less serious side effects

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- 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.

#### What to do

**Speak to your doctor if you have any of these less serious side effects and they worry you.**

### Serious side effects

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- 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:
  - wheezing, swelling of the lips/mouth
- difficulty in breathing;
- hay fever;

#### What to do

**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.**

#### Serious side effects

- lumpy rash (hives);
- fainting.

#### What to do

**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](http://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 Sumatriptan generichealth contains

<b>Active ingredient (main ingredient)</b>	sumatriptan (as succinate).
<b>Other ingredients (inactive ingredients)</b>	lactose; croscarmellose sodium; microcrystalline cellulose; crospovidone; colloidal anhydrous silica; magnesium stearate; OPADRY complete film coating system 03B84755 Pink (50 mg strength); OPADRY complete film coating system 03B28796 White (100 mg strength).
<b>Potential allergens</b>	sugars as lactose.

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

### What Sumatriptan generichealth looks like

Sumatriptan generichealth 50 mg tablets are pink coloured, capsule shaped, biconvex film-coated tablets, debossed with "50" on one side and plain on the other side which contain sumatriptan (as succinate) 50 mg. (AUST R 160186).

Sumatriptan generichealth 100 mg tablets are white coloured, capsule shaped, biconvex film-coated tablets,

debossed with “100” on one side and plain on the other side which contain sumatriptan (as succinate) 100 mg. (AUST R 160194).

## **Who distributes Sumatriptan generichealth**

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