

Uses

This medication is used to treat heart failure. It is used by adults to help prevent the heart failure from getting worse and needing treatment in a hospital. It is also used by children who have heart failure due to an enlarged heart (dilated cardiomyopathy). Heart failure is a condition where your heart does not pump blood as well as it should. Ivabradine works by making your heart beat more slowly.

How to use Ivabradine Tablet

Read the Medication Guide provided by your pharmacist before you start taking ivabradine and each time you get a refill. If you have any questions, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

Take this medication by mouth with food as directed by your doctor, usually twice daily. The dosage is based on your medical condition and response to treatment. In children, the dosage is also based on the weight. To reduce your risk of side effects, your doctor may direct you to start this medication at a low dose and gradually increase your dose. Other medications are usually used along with ivabradine to treat heart failure. Carefully follow your doctor's directions for taking all your medications.

Side Effects

Dizziness or tiredness may occur. If either of these effects persists or worsens, tell your doctor or pharmacist promptly.

Remember that your doctor has prescribed this medication because he or she has judged that the benefit to you is greater than the risk of side effects. Many people using this medication do not have serious side effects.

Ivabradine may rarely cause vision changes such as brief increased brightness, or seeing halos or colored bright lights. Sudden changes in light brightness may set off this effect. If vision changes happen, they usually start within the first 2 months and may go away during treatment or after stopping this medication.

Tell your doctor right away if you have any serious side effects, including: slow/fast/irregular heartbeat, fainting.

A very serious allergic reaction to this drug is rare. However, get medical help right away if you notice any symptoms of a serious allergic reaction, including: rash, itching/swelling (especially

Precautions

Before taking ivabradine, tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are allergic to it; or if you have any other allergies. This product may contain inactive ingredients, which can cause allergic reactions or other problems. Talk to your pharmacist for more details.

Before using this medication, tell your doctor or pharmacist your medical history, especially of: low blood pressure, liver problems, other heart problems (such as sick sinus syndrome, heart block, slow/irregular heartbeat, pacemaker use).

This drug may make you dizzy or cause vision changes. Alcohol or marijuana (cannabis) can make you more dizzy. Do not drive, use machinery, or do anything that needs alertness or clear vision until you can do it safely. Be especially careful when driving at night because sudden changes in light brightness can happen, which may set off vision changes (see also Side Effects section). Limit alcoholic beverages. Talk to your doctor if you are using marijuana (cannabis).

Interactions

See also How to Use section.

Drug interactions may change how your medications work or increase your risk for serious side effects. This document does not contain all possible drug interactions. Keep a list of all the products you use (including prescription/nonprescription drugs and herbal products) and share it with your doctor and pharmacist. Do not start, stop, or change the dosage of any medicines without your doctor's approval.

Other medications can affect the removal of ivabradine from your body, which may affect how ivabradine works. Examples include azole antifungals (such as itraconazole, ketoconazole), macrolide antibiotics (such as clarithromycin, telithromycin), diltiazem, HIV protease inhibitors (such as nelfinavir, ritonavir), nefazodone, rifamycins (such as rifabutin, rifampin), St. John's wort, verapamil, drugs used to treat seizures (such as carbamazepine, phenobarbital, phenytoin), among others.