

Stugeron™ 15mg Tablets

cinnarizine

Read all of this leaflet carefully before you start taking this medicine because it contains important information for you.

Always use this medicine exactly as described in this leaflet or as your doctor or pharmacist has told you.

- Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.
- Ask your doctor or pharmacist if you need more information or advice.
- This medicine has been prescribed for you only. Do not pass it onto others. It may harm them, even if their signs of illness are the same as yours.
- If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor or pharmacist. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet.

1 What the medicine is for

Stugeron is a medicine, which is used to control travel sickness. The tablets contain cinnarizine, which is an anti-nauseant that helps reduce feelings of nausea during travel.

This medicine is for use in adults and children aged 5 years and over.

2 Before taking this medicine

This medicine is suitable for most adults and children, but a few people should not use it. If you are in any doubt, talk to your doctor or pharmacist.

⚠ Do not use this medicine...

- If you have ever had a **bad reaction** (such as a rash, itching, swollen face or lips, or shortness of breath) to any of the ingredients.
- If it is for a child **under 5 years old**.
- If you are **breast-feeding**.

If any of these apply to you, **get advice from a doctor or pharmacist without using Stugeron.**

⚠ Talk to your doctor or pharmacist before taking this medicine...

- If you have **Parkinson's Disease**.
- If you have low blood pressure.
- If you have **porphyria** (a hereditary **blood disorder**).
- If you have **liver or kidney problems**.
- If you are **fructose and galactose intolerant**.
- If you are taking **alcohol**.
- If you are taking any **other medicines**, including:
 - **Tranquilisers** (drugs used to **relax muscles or decrease anxiety**);
 - **Tricyclic antidepressants or hypnotics** (drugs used to treat **mood or sleep disorders**);

If you are not sure about any of the medicines you are taking, show the bottle or pack to your pharmacist.

If any of these bullet points apply to you now or in the past, talk to a doctor or pharmacist.

⚠ If you are pregnant or breast-feeding

- Do not take this medicine if you are breast-feeding. Talk to your doctor or pharmacist before taking this medicine if you are pregnant, think you might be pregnant or are planning to become pregnant.

⚠ Special warnings about this medicine

- This medicine could affect your reaction to skin tests used to investigate allergies. If you have taken Stugeron within 4 days before a test, tell your doctor.

- The combined effect of Stugeron and **alcohol** may make you feel drowsy; therefore avoid **alcohol** while taking this medicine.

- The combined effect of Stugeron and **tricyclic antidepressants** and **hypnotics** (drugs used to treat **mood or sleep disorders**) may make you drowsy.
- Some people may experience stomach discomfort after taking Stugeron. Taking Stugeron after a meal may help reduce the possibility of stomach discomfort.

Driving and using machines

- Some people may feel drowsy after taking Stugeron 15. If you are affected in this way, do not drive or operate machinery.

⚠ Some of the ingredients can cause problems

- If you have been told you have an intolerance to some sugars, contact your doctor before taking this medicine.

3 How to take this medicine

Always take this medicine exactly as your doctor or pharmacist has told you.

- Do not use more than the stated dose shown in the table.
- Stugeron should preferably be taken after meals.
- For oral use only.
- The tablets may be sucked, chewed or swallowed whole with water.

ⓘ Children under 5 years

- Stugeron is not recommended for children under 5 years old.

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3 How to take this medicine (continued)

i Adults and children 5 years and over

Age	Dose
Children aged 5 – 12 years	Take 1 tablet two hours before travelling and ½ tablet every eight hours during the journey.
Adults and children over 12 years	Take 2 tablets two hours before travelling and 1 tablet every eight hours during the journey.

! If anyone takes too much

If anyone takes too many Stugeron tablets, contact a doctor or nearest Accident and Emergency department taking this leaflet and pack with you.

! If you forget to take the medicine

You should only take this medicine as required following the dosage instructions above carefully. If you forget to take a dose, you can take another tablet as long as you leave 8 hours between doses. **Do not** take a double dose.

4 Possible side-effects

Stugeron tablets can have side-effects, like all medicines, although these don't affect everyone and are usually mild.

If you experience the following, stop using the medicine and seek immediate medical help:

- Allergic reactions: Some people may be allergic to these tablets. Signs of allergy include rash (such as hives); wheezing; breathlessness; swollen eyelids, face or lips; complete collapse.

If you get any of these symptoms soon after taking Stugeron, don't take any more.

Tell a doctor straight away. Take the packaging and this leaflet with you.

Common: may affect up to 1 in 10 people

- Drowsiness
- Nausea
- Weight gain

Uncommon: may affect up to 1 in 100 people

- Feeling tired
- Difficulty waking up from a long night time sleep
- Having stomach pain
- Indigestion
- Being sick (vomiting)
- Increased sweating
- Skin rash

Other effects which may occur but it is unknown how often:

- Unusual movements, including trembling and shaking of the hands and fingers, twisting movements of the body, shuffling walk and muscle stiffness
- Swelling, redness or itching of the skin
- Yellow colouration of skin and eyes

Reporting of side effects

If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. You can also report side effects directly via HPRA Pharmacovigilance, Website: www.hpra.ie

By reporting side effects you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

5 Storing this medicine

Keep this medicine out of the sight and reach of children. Do not use Stugeron Tablets after the expiry date which is stated on the carton label and blister after 'Expiry'. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.

Do not throw away any medicines via wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to throw away medicines you no longer use. These measures will help protect the environment.

Do not store above 25°C.

6 Further information

What's in this medicine?

The active ingredient in Stugeron tablets is: Cinnarizine 15 mg.

Other ingredients are: Lactose monohydrate, maize starch, sucrose, talc, magnesium stearate, povidone.

What the medicine looks like

Stugeron tablets are white, round tablets marked S/15 on one side and JANSSEN on the reverse. They are available in packs of 15 tablets.

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7 What you can do to help stop these symptoms

At Sea:

Where possible, stay on deck and keep your eyes on the horizon. Keep away from diesel and galley smells. Avoid rich and fatty foods while travelling.

On the road:

If possible, keep looking ahead into the distance. Travel in daylight and try to make sure that children can see forwards out of the windscreen. Avoid reading and travel with a window open. Avoid rich and fatty foods.