

Package leaflet: Information for the user

Montelukast Teva 10 mg Film-coated Tablets

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

- Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.
- If you have any further questions, ask your doctor or pharmacist.
- This medicine has been prescribed for you only. Do not pass it on to 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. See section 4.

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1. What Montelukast Teva 10 mg Film-coated Tablets is and what it is used for

What Montelukast Teva 10 mg Film-coated Tablets is

Montelukast Teva 10 mg Film-coated Tablets is a leukotriene receptor antagonist that blocks substances called leukotrienes.

How Montelukast Teva 10 mg Film-coated Tablets works

Leukotrienes cause narrowing and swelling of airways in the lungs and also cause allergy symptoms. By blocking leukotrienes, Montelukast Teva 10 mg Film-coated Tablets improves asthma symptoms, helps control asthma and improves seasonal allergy symptoms (also known as hay fever or seasonal allergic rhinitis).

When Montelukast Teva 10 mg Film-coated Tablets should be used

Your doctor has prescribed Montelukast Teva 10 mg Film-coated Tablets to treat your asthma, preventing your asthma symptoms during the day and night.

- Montelukast Teva 10 mg Film-coated Tablets is used for the treatment of adults and adolescents 15 years of age and older who are not adequately controlled on their medication and need additional therapy.
- Montelukast Teva 10 mg Film-coated Tablets also helps prevent the narrowing of airways triggered by exercise.
- In those asthmatic patients, in whom Montelukast Teva 10 mg Film-coated Tablets is indicated in asthma, Montelukast Teva 10 mg Film-coated Tablets can also provide symptomatic relief of seasonal allergic rhinitis.

Your doctor will determine how Montelukast Teva 10 mg Film-coated Tablets should be used depending on the symptoms and severity of your asthma.

What is asthma?

Asthma is a long-term disease.

Asthma includes:

- difficulty breathing because of narrowed airways. This narrowing of airways worsens and improves in response to various conditions.
- sensitive airways that react to many things, such as cigarette smoke, pollen, cold air, or exercise.
- swelling (inflammation) in the lining of airways.

Symptoms of asthma include: Coughing, wheezing, and chest tightness.

What are seasonal allergies?

Seasonal allergies (also known as hay fever or seasonal allergic rhinitis) are an allergic response often caused by airborne pollens from trees, grasses and weeds. The symptoms of seasonal allergies typically may include: stuffy, runny, itchy nose; sneezing; watery, swollen, red, itchy eyes.

2. What you need to know before you take Montelukast Teva 10 mg Film-coated Tablets

Tell your doctor about any medical problems or allergies you have now or have had.

Do not take Montelukast Teva 10 mg Film-coated Tablets

- if you are allergic to montelukast or any of the other ingredients of this medicine (listed in section 6)..

Warnings and precautions

Talk to your doctor or pharmacist before taking Montelukast Teva 10 mg Film-coated Tablets

- If your asthma or breathing gets worse, tell your doctor immediately.
- Oral Montelukast Teva 10 mg Film-coated Tablets is not meant to treat acute asthma attacks. If an attack occurs, follow the instructions your doctor has given you. Always have your inhaled rescue medicine for asthma attacks with you.
- It is important that you or your child take all asthma medications prescribed by your doctor. Montelukast Teva 10 mg Film-coated Tablets should not be substituted for other asthma medications your doctor has prescribed for you.
- Any patient on anti-asthma medicines should be aware that if you develop a combination of symptoms such as flu-like illness, pins and needles or numbness of arms or legs, worsening of pulmonary symptoms, and/or rash, you should consult your doctor.
- You should not take acetyl-salicylic acid (aspirin) or anti-inflammatory medicines (also known as non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs or NSAIDs) if they make your asthma worse.

Patients should be aware that various neuropsychiatric events (for example behaviour and mood-related changes) have been reported in adults, adolescents and children with montelukast (see section 4). If you or your child develop such symptoms while taking Montelukast Teva 10 mg film-coated tablets, you should consult your or your child's doctor.

Children and adolescents

Do not give this medicine to children less than 15 years of age.

There are different forms of this medicine available for paediatric patients under 18 years of age based on age range.

Other medicines and Montelukast Teva 10 mg Film-coated Tablets

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking, have recently taken or might take any other medicines, including those obtained without a prescription.

Some medicines may affect how Montelukast Teva 10 mg Film-coated Tablets works, or Montelukast Teva 10 mg Film-coated Tablets may affect how other medicines work.

Tell your doctor if you are taking the following medicines before starting Montelukast Teva 10 mg Film-coated Tablets:

- phenobarbital (used for treatment of epilepsy)
- phenytoin (used for treatment of epilepsy)
- rifampicin (used to treat tuberculosis and some other infections).
- gemfibrozil (used for treatment of high lipid levels in plasma)

Montelukast Teva 10 mg Film-coated Tablets with food and drink

Montelukast Teva 10 mg Film-coated Tablets may be taken with or without food.

Pregnancy and breast-feeding

If you are pregnant or breast-feeding, think you may be pregnant or are planning to have a baby, ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before taking Montelukast Teva 10 mg Film-coated Tablets.

Pregnancy

Your doctor will assess whether you can take Montelukast Teva 10 mg Film-coated Tablets during this time.

Breast-feeding

It is not known if montelukast appears in breast-milk. You should consult your doctor before taking Montelukast Teva 10 mg Film-coated Tablets if you are breast-feeding or intend to breast-feed.

Driving and using machines

Montelukast is not expected to affect your ability to drive a car or operate machinery. However, individual responses to medication may vary. Certain side effects (such as dizziness and drowsiness) that have been reported with montelukast may affect some patients' ability to drive or operate machinery.

Montelukast Teva 10 mg Film-coated Tablets contains lactose

If you have been told by your doctor that you have an intolerance to some sugars, contact your doctor before taking this medicinal product.

Montelukast Teva 10 mg Film-coated Tablets contains sodium

This medicine contains less than 1 mmol sodium (23 mg) per film-coated tablet, that is to say essentially 'sodium-free'.

3. How to take Montelukast Teva 10 mg Film-coated Tablets

Always take this medicine exactly as your doctor or pharmacist has told you, Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure.

- You should take only one tablet of Montelukast Teva 10 mg Film-coated Tablets once a day as prescribed by your doctor.
- It should be taken even when you have no symptoms or have an acute asthma attack.

For adults and adolescents 15 years of age and older

The recommended dose is one 10 mg tablet daily to be taken daily in the evening.

If you are taking Montelukast Teva 10 mg Film-coated Tablets, be sure that you do not take any other products that contain the same active ingredient, montelukast.

This medicine is for oral use.

You can take Montelukast Teva 10 mg Film-coated Tablets with or without food.

If you take more Montelukast Teva 10 mg Film-coated Tablets than you should

Contact your doctor immediately for advice.

There were no side effects reported in the majority of overdose reports. The most frequently occurring symptoms reported with overdose in adults and children included abdominal pain, sleepiness, thirst, headache, vomiting, and hyperactivity.

If you forget to take Montelukast Teva 10 mg Film-coated Tablets

Try to take Montelukast Teva 10 mg Film-coated Tablets as prescribed. However, if you miss a dose, just resume the usual schedule of one tablet once daily.

Do not take a double dose to make up for a forgotten dose.

If you stop taking Montelukast Teva 10 mg Film-coated Tablets

Montelukast Teva 10 mg Film-coated Tablets can treat your asthma only if you continue to take it.

It is important to continue taking Montelukast Teva 10 mg Film-coated Tablets for as long as your doctor prescribes. It will help control your asthma.

If you have any further questions on the use of this medicine, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

For children 2 to 5 years old, Montelukast Teva 4 mg Chewable Tablets are available.

For children 6 to 14 years old, Montelukast Teva 5 mg Chewable Tablets are available.

4. Possible side effects

Like all medicines, this medicine can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them.

In clinical studies with Montelukast 10 mg film-coated tablets, the most commonly reported side effects (may affect up to 1 in 10 people) thought to be related to Montelukast 10 mg film-coated tablets were:

- abdominal pain
- headache

These were usually mild and occurred at a greater frequency in patients treated with montelukast than placebo (a pill containing no medication).

Serious side effects

Talk with your doctor immediately if you notice any of the following side effects, which may be serious, and for which you may need urgent medical treatment.

Uncommon: may affect up to 1 in 100 people

- allergic reactions including swelling of the face, lips, tongue, and/or throat which may cause difficulty in breathing or swallowing
- behaviour and mood related changes: agitation including aggressive behaviour or hostility, depression
- seizure

Rare: may affect up to 1 in 1,000 people

- increased bleeding tendency
- tremor
- palpitations

Very rare: may affect up to 1 in 10,000 people

- combination of symptoms such as flu-like illness, pins and needles or numbness of arms and legs, worsening of pulmonary symptoms and/or rash (Churg-Strauss syndrome) (see section 2)
- low blood platelet count

- behaviour and mood related changes: hallucinations, disorientation, suicidal thoughts and actions
- swelling (inflammation) of the lungs
- severe skin reactions (erythema multiforme) that may occur without warning
- inflammation of the liver (hepatitis)

Other side effects while the medicine has been on the market

Very common: may affect more than 1 in 10 people

- upper respiratory infection

Common: may affect up to 1 in 10 people

- diarrhoea, nausea, vomiting
- rash
- fever
- elevated levels of liver enzymes

Uncommon: may affect up to 1 in 100 people

- behaviour and mood related changes: dream abnormalities, including nightmares, trouble sleeping, sleep walking, irritability, feeling anxious, restlessness
- dizziness, drowsiness, pins and needles/numbness
- nosebleed
- dry mouth, indigestion
- bruising, itching, hives
- joint or muscle pain, muscle cramps
- bedwetting in children
- weakness/tiredness, feeling unwell, swelling

Rare: may affect up to 1 in 1,000 people

- behaviour and mood related changes: disturbance in attention, memory impairment, uncontrolled muscle movements

Very rare: may affect up to 1 in 10,000 people

- behaviour and mood related changes: obsessive-compulsive symptoms, stuttering
- tender red lumps under the skin most commonly on your shins (erythema nodosum)

Reporting of side effects

If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor or pharmacist. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet.

You can also report side effects directly via HPRC Pharmacovigilance., Website: www.hpra.ie. By reporting side effects, you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

5. How to store Montelukast Teva 10 mg Film-coated Tablets

Keep this medicine out of the sight and reach of children.

Do not use this medicine after the expiry date which is stated on the blister and carton after EXP. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.

This medicinal product does not require any special temperature storage conditions. Store in the original package in order to protect from light.

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

6. Contents of the pack and other information

What Montelukast Teva 10 mg Film-coated Tablets contain:

- The active substance is montelukast sodium equivalent to 10 mg montelukast
- The other ingredients are:
Tablet core: sodium laurilsulfate, lactose monohydrate, hydroxypropyl cellulose, pregelatinized starch (maize), sodium starch glycolate (maize) Type A, magnesium stearate.
Tablet coating: Opadry 20A23676 Yellow containing hydroxypropyl cellulose, hypromellose, titanium dioxide (E171), iron oxide yellow (E172), iron oxide red (E172).

What Montelukast Teva 10 mg Film-coated Tablets looks like and contents of the pack

Montelukast Teva 10 mg Film-coated Tablets are beige, round, film-coated tablets, debossed with "93" on one side and "7426" on the other side of the tablet

Montelukast Teva 10 mg Film-coated Tablets are available in packs of 7, 14, 15, 20, 28, 30, 50, 56, 60, 90, 98 and 100 tablets.

Aluminium – Aluminium blister packs

Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

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This medicinal product is authorised in the Member States of the EEA under the following names:

Austria: Montelukast ratiopharm 10 mg

Czech Republic: Montelukast Teva 10 mg,

Denmark: Montelukast Teva 10 mg,

Estonia: Montelukast Teva

Greece: Montelukast Teva 10 mg

Iceland: Montelukast Teva 10 mg

Spain: Montelukast Teva 10 mg

Finland: Montelukast ratiopharm 10 mg

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