

**ONDANSETRON- ondansetron tablet, orally disintegrating  
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----- **ADVERSE REACTIONS** -----

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The most common adverse reactions in adults for the: (11)

prevention of chemotherapy-induced ( $\geq 5\%$ ) are: headache, malaise/fatigue, constipation, diarrhea. ( 6.1)

prevention of radiation-induced nausea and vomiting ( $\geq 2\%$ ) are: headache, constipation, and diarrhea. ( 6.1)

prevention of postoperative nausea and vomiting ( $\geq 9\%$ ) are: headache and hypoxia. ( 6.1) (11)

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## **FULL PRESCRIBING INFORMATION**

### **7 DRUG INTERACTIONS**

#### **7.1 Serotonergic Drugs**

Serotonin syndrome (including altered mental status, autonomic instability, and neuromuscular symptoms) has been described following the concomitant use of 5-HT<sub>3</sub> receptor antagonists and other serotonergic drugs, including SSRIs and SNRIs. Monitor for the emergence of serotonin syndrome. If symptoms occur, discontinue ondansetron and initiate supportive treatment [see *Warnings and Precautions* ( 5.3)] .

#### **7.2 Drugs Affecting Cytochrome P-450 Enzymes**

Ondansetron does not itself appear to induce or inhibit the cytochrome P-450 drug-metabolizing enzyme system of the liver [see *Clinical Pharmacology* ( 12.3)] . Because ondansetron is metabolized by hepatic cytochrome P-450 drug-metabolizing enzymes (CYP3A4, CYP2D6, CYP1A2), inducers or inhibitors of these enzymes may change the clearance and, hence, the half-life of ondansetron. In patients treated with potent inducers of CYP3A4 (i.e., phenytoin, carbamazepine, and rifampin), the clearance of ondansetron was significantly increased and ondansetron blood concentrations were decreased. However, on the basis of available data, no dosage adjustment for ondansetron is recommended for patients on these drugs [see *Clinical Pharmacology* ( 12.3)] .

#### **7.3 Tramadol**

Although no pharmacokinetic drug interaction between ondansetron and tramadol has been observed, data from 2 small trials indicate that when used together, ondansetron may increase patient-controlled administration of tramadol. Monitor patients to ensure adequate pain control when ondansetron is administered with tramadol.

#### **7.4 Chemotherapy**

Carmustine, etoposide, and cisplatin do not affect the pharmacokinetics of ondansetron.

In a crossover trial in 76 pediatric patients, intravenous ondansetron did not increase systemic concentrations of high-dose methotrexate.

#### **7.5 Alfentanil and Atracurium**

Ondansetron does not alter the respiratory depressant effects produced by alfentanil or the degree of neuromuscular blockade produced by atracurium. Interactions with general or local anesthetics have not been studied.

## **8 USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS**

## 8.1 Pregnancy

### Risk Summary

Published epidemiological studies on the association between ondansetron use and major birth defects have reported inconsistent findings and have important methodological limitations that preclude conclusions about the safety of ondansetron use in pregnancy ( *see Data*). Available postmarketing data have not identified a drug-associated risk of miscarriage or adverse maternal outcomes. Reproductive studies in rats and rabbits did not show evidence of harm to the fetus when ondansetron was administered during organogenesis at approximately 6 and 24 times the maximum recommended human oral dose of 24 mg/day, based on body surface area (BSA), respectively ( *see Data*).

The background risk of major birth defects and miscarriage for the indicated population is unknown. All pregnancies have a background risk of birth defect, miscarriages, or other adverse outcomes. In the US general population, the estimated background risk of major birth defects and miscarriages in clinically recognized pregnancies is 2% to 4% and 15% to 20%, respectively.

### Data

#### *Human Data*

Available data on ondansetron use in pregnant women from several published epidemiological studies preclude an assessment of a drug-associated risk of adverse fetal outcomes due to important methodological limitations, including the uncertainty of whether women who filled a prescription actually took the medication, the concomitant use of other medications or treatments, recall bias, and other unadjusted confounders.

Ondansetron exposure in utero has not been associated with overall major congenital malformations in aggregate analyses. One large retrospective cohort study examined 1970 women who received a prescription for ondansetron during pregnancy and reported no association between ondansetron exposure and major congenital malformations, miscarriage, stillbirth, preterm delivery, infants of low birth weight, or infants small for gestational age.

Two large retrospective cohort studies and one case-control study have assessed ondansetron exposure in the first trimester and risk of cardiovascular defects with inconsistent findings. Relative risks (RR) ranged from 0.97 (95% CI 0.86 to 1.10) to 1.62 (95% CI 1.04, 2.54). A subset analysis in one of the cohort studies observed that ondansetron was specifically associated with cardiac septal defects (RR 2.05, 95% CI 1.19, 3.28); however, this association was not confirmed in other studies.

Several studies have assessed ondansetron and the risk of oral clefts with inconsistent findings. A retrospective cohort study of 1.8 million pregnancies in the US Medicaid Database showed an increased risk of oral clefts among 88,467 pregnancies in which oral ondansetron was prescribed in the first trimester (RR 1.24, 95% CI 1.03, 1.48), but no such association was reported with intravenous ondansetron in 23,866 pregnancies (RR 0.95, 95% CI 0.63, 1.43). In the subgroup of women who received both forms of administration, the RR was 1.07 (95% CI 0.59, 1.93). Two case-control studies, using data from birth defects surveillance programs, reported conflicting associations between maternal use of ondansetron and isolated cleft palate (OR 1.6 [95% CI 1.1, 2.3] and 0.5 [95% CI 0.3, 1.0]). It is unknown whether ondansetron exposure in utero in the cases of cleft palate occurred during the time of palate formation (the palate is formed between the 6th and 9th weeks of pregnancy).

#### *Animal Data*

In embryo-fetal development studies in rats and rabbits, pregnant animals received oral doses of ondansetron up to 15 mg/kg/day and 30 mg/kg/day, respectively, during the period of organogenesis. With the exception of a slight decrease in maternal body weight gain in the rabbits, there were no significant effects of ondansetron on the maternal animals or the development of the offspring. At doses of 15 mg/kg/day in rats and 30 mg/kg/day in rabbits, the maternal exposure margin was approximately 6 and 24 times the maximum recommended human oral dose of 24 mg/day, respectively, based on BSA.

In a pre- and postnatal developmental toxicity study, pregnant rats received oral doses of ondansetron up to 15 mg/kg/day from Day 17 of pregnancy to litter Day 21. With the exception of a slight reduction in maternal body weight gain, there were no effects upon the pregnant rats and the pre- and postnatal development of their offspring, including reproductive performance of the mated F1 generation. At a dose of 15 mg/kg/day in rats, the maternal exposure margin was approximately 6 times the maximum recommended human oral dose of 24 mg/day, based on BSA.

## **8.2 Lactation**

### Risk Summary

It is not known whether ondansetron is present in human milk. There are no data on the effects of ondansetron on the breastfed infant or the effects on milk production. However, it has been demonstrated that ondansetron is present in the milk of rats. When a drug is present in animal milk, it is likely that the drug will be present in human milk.

The developmental and health benefits of breastfeeding should be considered along with the mother's clinical need for ondansetron and any potential adverse effects on the breastfed infant from ondansetron or from the underlying maternal condition.

## **8.4 Pediatric Use**

The safety and effectiveness of orally administered ondansetron have been established in pediatric patients 4 years and older for the prevention of nausea and vomiting associated with moderately emetogenic cancer chemotherapy. Use of ondansetron in these age-groups is supported by evidence from adequate and well-controlled studies of ondansetron in adults with additional data from 3 open-label, uncontrolled, non-US trials in 182 pediatric patients aged 4 to 18 years with cancer who were given a variety of cisplatin or noncisplatin regimens [see *Dosage and Administration ( 2.2), Clinical Studies ( 14.1)*].

Additional information on the use of ondansetron in pediatric patients may be found in ondansetron injection prescribing information.

The safety and effectiveness of orally administered ondansetron have not been established in pediatric patients for:

- prevention of nausea and vomiting associated with highly emetogenic cancer chemotherapy
- prevention of nausea and vomiting associated with radiotherapy
- prevention of postoperative nausea and/or vomiting

## **8.5 Geriatric Use**

Of the total number of subjects enrolled in cancer chemotherapy-induced and postoperative nausea and vomiting in US- and foreign-controlled clinical trials, for which

there were subgroup analyses, 938 (19%) were aged 65 years and older.

No overall differences in safety or effectiveness were observed between subjects 65 years of age and older and younger subjects. A reduction in clearance and increase in elimination half-life were seen in patients older than 75 years compared with younger subjects [see *Clinical Pharmacology* ( 12.3)] . There were an insufficient number of patients older than 75 years of age and older in the clinical trials to permit safety or efficacy conclusions in this age group. Other reported clinical experience has not identified differences in responses between the elderly and younger patients, but greater sensitivity of some older individuals cannot be ruled out. No dosage adjustment is needed in elderly patients.

## **8.6 Hepatic Impairment**

No dosage adjustment is needed in patients with mild or moderate hepatic impairment.

In patients with severe hepatic impairment, clearance is reduced and the apparent volume of distribution is increased, resulting in a significant increase in the half-life of ondansetron. Therefore, do not exceed a total daily dose of 8 mg in patients with severe hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh score of 10 or greater) [see *Dosage and Administration* ( 2.2), *Clinical Pharmacology* ( 12.3)] .

## **8.7 Renal Impairment**

No dosage adjustment is recommended for patients with any degree of renal impairment (mild, moderate, or severe). There is no experience beyond first-day administration of ondansetron [see *Clinical Pharmacology* ( 12.3)] .

## **9 DRUG ABUSE AND DEPENDENCE**

Animal studies have shown that ondansetron is not discriminated as a benzodiazepine nor does it substitute for benzodiazepines in direct addiction studies.

## **10 OVERDOSAGE**

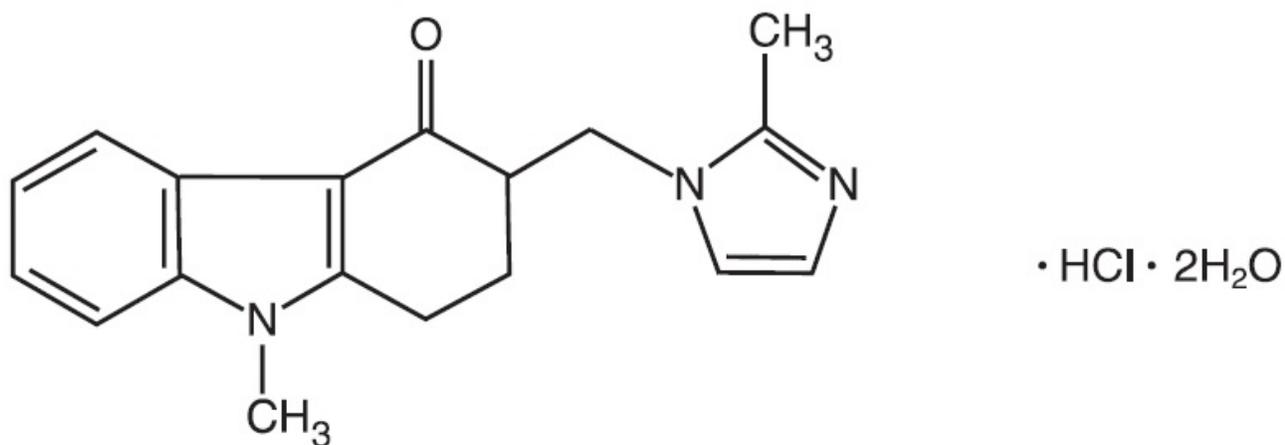
There is no specific antidote for ondansetron overdose. Patients should be managed with appropriate supportive therapy.

In addition to the adverse reactions listed above, the following adverse reactions have been described in the setting of ondansetron overdose: "Sudden blindness" (amaurosis) of 2 to 3 minutes' duration plus severe constipation occurred in one patient that was administered 72 mg of ondansetron intravenously as a single dose. Hypotension (and faintness) occurred in a patient that took 48 mg of ondansetron tablets. Following infusion of 32 mg over only a 4-minute period, a vasovagal episode with transient second-degree heart block was observed. In all instances, the adverse reactions resolved completely.

Pediatric cases consistent with serotonin syndrome have been reported after inadvertent oral overdoses of ondansetron (exceeding estimated ingestion of 5 mg per kg) in young children. Reported symptoms included somnolence, agitation, tachycardia, tachypnea, hypertension, flushing, mydriasis, diaphoresis, myoclonic movements, horizontal nystagmus, hyperreflexia, and seizure. Patients required supportive care, including intubation in some cases, with complete recovery without sequelae within 1 to 2 days.

## 11 DESCRIPTION

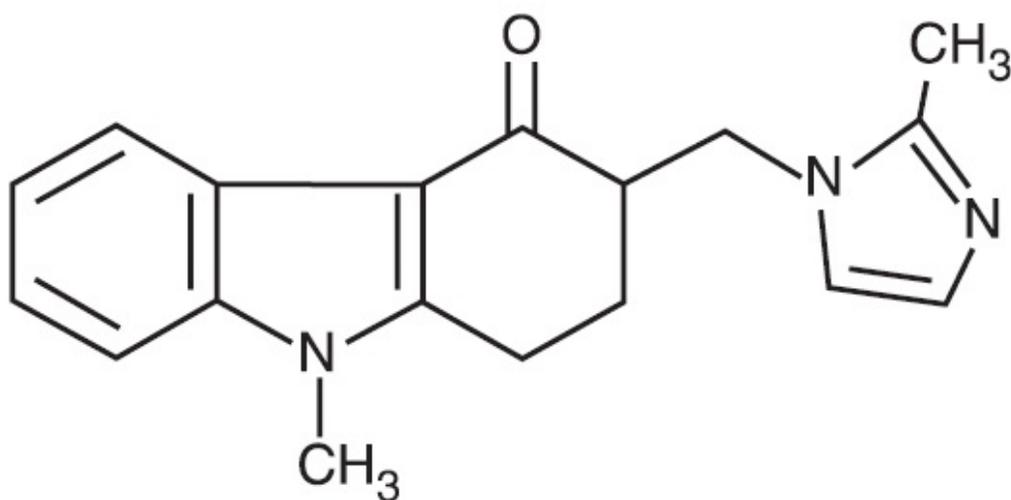
The active ingredient in Ondansetron Tablets, USP is ondansetron hydrochloride, USP as the dihydrate, the racemic form of ondansetron and a selective blocking agent of the serotonin 5-HT<sub>3</sub> receptor type. Chemically it is (±) 1, 2, 3, 9-tetrahydro-9-methyl-3-[(2-methyl-1H-imidazol-1-yl)methyl]-4H-carbazol-4-one, monohydrochloride, dihydrate. It has the following structural formula:



The empirical formula is C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O·HCl·2H<sub>2</sub>O, representing a molecular weight of 365.85 g/mol.

Ondansetron hydrochloride, USP (dihydrate) is a white to off-white powder that is sparingly soluble in water and in alcohol; soluble in methanol, slightly soluble in isopropyl alcohol, and in dichloromethane; very slightly soluble in acetone, in chloroform and in ethyl acetate.

The active ingredient in Ondansetron Orally Disintegrating Tablets, USP is ondansetron base, the racemic form of ondansetron, and a selective blocking agent of the serotonin 5-HT<sub>3</sub> receptor type. Chemically it is (±) 1, 2, 3, 9-tetrahydro-9-methyl-3-[(2-methyl-1H-imidazol-1-yl)methyl]-4H-carbazol-4-one. It has the following structural formula:



The empirical formula is C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O representing a molecular weight of 293.4 g/mol.

Each 4-mg Ondansetron Tablet, USP for oral administration contains ondansetron hydrochloride, USP (dihydrate) equivalent to 4 mg of ondansetron. Each 8-mg Ondansetron Tablet, USP for oral administration contains ondansetron hydrochloride, USP (dihydrate) equivalent to 8 mg of ondansetron. Each tablet also contains the inactive ingredients colloidal silicon dioxide, hypromellose, iron oxide yellow (8 mg tablet only), lactose monohydrate, magnesium stearate, microcrystalline cellulose, pregelatinized starch, titanium dioxide and triacetin.

Each 4-mg Ondansetron Orally Disintegrating Tablet, USP for oral administration contains 4 mg ondansetron base. Each 8-mg Ondansetron Orally Disintegrating Tablet, USP for oral administration contains 8 mg ondansetron base. Each Ondansetron Orally Disintegrating Tablet, USP also contains the inactive ingredients aspartame, colloidal silicon dioxide, crospovidone, magnesium stearate, mannitol, sodium stearyl fumarate and strawberry flavor. Ondansetron Orally Disintegrating Tablets, USP are an orally administered formulation of ondansetron which rapidly disintegrates on the tongue and does not require water to aid dissolution or swallowing. This product disintegrates in approximately 60 seconds.

Ondansetron Orally Disintegrating Tablets, USP meet USP Disintegration Test 2.

## **12 CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY**

### **12.1 Mechanism of Action**

Ondansetron is a selective 5-HT<sub>3</sub> receptor antagonist. While its mechanism of action has not been fully characterized, ondansetron is not a dopamine-receptor antagonist. Serotonin receptors of the 5-HT<sub>3</sub> type are present both peripherally on vagal nerve terminals and centrally in the chemoreceptor trigger zone of the area postrema. It is not certain whether ondansetron's antiemetic action is mediated centrally, peripherally, or in both sites. However, cytotoxic chemotherapy appears to be associated with release of serotonin from the enterochromaffin cells of the small intestine. In humans, urinary 5-hydroxyindoleacetic acid (5-HIAA) excretion increases after cisplatin administration in parallel with the onset of emesis. The released serotonin may stimulate the vagal afferents through the 5-HT<sub>3</sub> receptors and initiate the vomiting reflex.

### **12.2 Pharmacodynamics**

In healthy subjects, single intravenous doses of 0.15 mg/kg of ondansetron had no effect on esophageal motility, gastric motility, lower esophageal sphincter pressure, or small intestinal transit time. Multiday administration of ondansetron has been shown to slow colonic transit in healthy subjects. Ondansetron has no effect on plasma-prolactin concentrations.

#### Cardiac Electrophysiology

QTc interval prolongation was studied in a double-blind, single-intravenous dose, placebo- and positive-controlled, crossover trial in 58 healthy subjects. The maximum mean (95% upper confidence bound) difference in QTcF from placebo after baseline correction was 19.5 (21.8) milliseconds and 5.6 (7.4) milliseconds after 15-minute intravenous infusions of 32 mg and 8 mg of ondansetron injection, respectively. A significant exposure-response relationship was identified between ondansetron concentration and  $\Delta\Delta$ QTcF. Using the established exposure-response relationship, 24 mg infused intravenously over 15 minutes had a mean predicted (95% upper prediction

interval)  $\Delta\Delta\text{QTcF}$  of 14 (16.3) milliseconds. In contrast, 16 mg infused intravenously over 15 minutes using the same model had a mean predicted (95% upper prediction interval)  $\Delta\Delta\text{QTcF}$  of 9.1 (11.2) milliseconds. In this study, the 8-mg dose infused over 15 minutes did not prolong the QT interval to any clinically relevant extent.

## 12.3 Pharmacokinetics

### Absorption

Ondansetron is absorbed from the gastrointestinal tract and undergoes some first-pass metabolism. Mean bioavailability in healthy subjects, following administration of a single 8-mg tablet, is approximately 56%.

Ondansetron systemic exposure does not increase proportionately to dose. The area under curve (AUC) from a 16-mg tablet was 24% greater than predicted from an 8-mg tablet dose. This may reflect some reduction of first-pass metabolism at higher oral doses.

*Food Effects:* Bioavailability is also slightly enhanced by the presence of food.

### Distribution

Plasma protein binding of ondansetron as measured *in vitro* was 70% to 76% over the concentration range of 10 to 500 ng/mL. Circulating drug also distributes into erythrocytes.

### Elimination

*Metabolism and Excretion:* Ondansetron is extensively metabolized in humans, with approximately 5% of a radiolabeled dose recovered as the parent compound from the urine. The metabolites are observed in the urine. The primary metabolic pathway is hydroxylation on the indole ring followed by subsequent glucuronide or sulfate conjugation.

*In vitro* metabolism studies have shown that ondansetron is a substrate for human hepatic cytochrome P-450 enzymes, including CYP1A2, CYP2D6, and CYP3A4. In terms of overall ondansetron turnover, CYP3A4 played the predominant role. Because of the multiplicity of metabolic enzymes capable of metabolizing ondansetron, it is likely that inhibition or loss of one enzyme (e.g., CYP2D6 genetic deficiency) will be compensated by others and may result in little change in overall rates of ondansetron elimination.

Although some nonconjugated metabolites have pharmacologic activity, these are not found in plasma at concentrations likely to significantly contribute to the biological activity of ondansetron.

### Specific Populations

*Age: Geriatric Population:* A reduction in clearance and increase in elimination half-life are seen in patients older than 75 years compared to younger subjects [see *Use in Specific Populations* ( 8.5)] .

*Sex:* Gender differences were shown in the disposition of ondansetron given as a single dose. The extent and rate of absorption are greater in women than men. Slower clearance in women, a smaller apparent volume of distribution (adjusted for weight), and higher absolute bioavailability resulted in higher plasma ondansetron concentrations. These higher plasma concentrations may in part be explained by differences in body weight between men and women. It is not known whether these sex-related differences were clinically important. More detailed pharmacokinetic information is contained in Tables 5 and 6.

**Table 5: Pharmacokinetics in Male and Female Healthy Subjects After a Single Dose of a Ondansetron 8-mg Tablet**

Age-group (years) Sex (M/F)	Mean Weight (kg)	N	Peak Plasma Concentration (ng/mL)	Time of Peak Plasma Concentration (h)	Mean Elimination Half-life (h)	Systemic Plasma Clearance L/h/kg	Absolute Bioavailability
1. 18 to 40 M	69	6	26.2	2	3.1	0.403	0.483
1. F	62.7	5	42.7	1.7	3.5	0.354	0.663
1. 61 to 74 M	77.5	6	24.1	2.1	4.1	0.384	0.585
1. F	60.2	6	52.4	1.9	4.9	0.255	0.643
1. ≥75 M	78	5	37	2.2	4.5	0.277	0.619
1. F	67.6	6	46.1	2.1	6.2	0.249	0.747

**Table 6: Pharmacokinetics in Male and Female Healthy Subjects After a Single Dose of a Ondansetron 24-mg Tablet**

Age-group (years) Sex (M/F)	Mean Weight (kg)	N	Peak Plasma Concentration (ng/mL)	Time of Peak Plasma Concentration (h)	Mean Elimination Half-life (h)
• 18 to 43 M	84.1	8	125.8	1.9	4.7
1. F	71.8	8	194.4	1.6	5.8

*Renal Impairment:* Renal impairment is not expected to significantly influence the total clearance of ondansetron as renal clearance represents only 5% of the overall clearance. However, the mean plasma clearance of ondansetron was reduced by about 50% in patients with severe renal impairment (creatinine clearance less than 30 mL/min). The reduction in clearance was variable and not consistent with an increase in half-life [see Use in Specific Populations ( 8.7)] .

*Hepatic Impairment:* In patients with mild-to-moderate hepatic impairment, clearance is reduced 2-fold and mean half-life is increased to 11.6 hours compared with 5.7 hours in healthy subjects. In patients with severe hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh score of 10 or greater), clearance is reduced 2-fold to 3-fold and apparent volume of distribution is increased with a resultant increase in half-life to 20 hours [see Dosage and

*Administration ( 2.2), Use in Specific Populations ( 8.6)] .*

### Drug Interaction Studies

*CYP 3A4 Inducers:* Ondansetron elimination may be affected by cytochrome P-450 inducers. In a pharmacokinetic trial of 16 epileptic patients maintained chronically on CYP3A4 inducers, carbamazepine, or phenytoin, a reduction in AUC,  $C_{max}$ , and  $t_{1/2}$  of ondansetron was observed. This resulted in a significant increase in the clearance of ondansetron. However, this increase is not thought to be clinically relevant [see *Drug Interactions ( 7.2)*] .

*Chemotherapeutic Agents:* Carmustine, etoposide, and cisplatin do not affect the pharmacokinetics of ondansetron [see *Drug Interactions ( 7.4)*] .

*Antacids:* Concomitant administration of antacids does not alter the absorption of ondansetron.

## **13 NONCLINICAL TOXICOLOGY**

### **13.1 Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility**

Carcinogenic effects were not seen in 2-year studies in rats and mice with oral ondansetron doses up to 10 mg/kg per day and 30 mg/kg per day, respectively (approximately 4 and 6 times the maximum recommended human oral dose of 24 mg per day, based on BSA).

Ondansetron was not mutagenic in standard tests for mutagenicity.

Oral administration of ondansetron up to 15 mg/kg per day (approximately 6 times the maximum recommended human oral dose of 24 mg per day, based on BSA) did not affect fertility or general reproductive performance of male and female rats.

## **14 CLINICAL STUDIES**

### **14.1 Prevention of Chemotherapy-Induced Nausea and Vomiting**

#### Highly Emetogenic Chemotherapy

In 2 randomized, double-blind, monotherapy trials, a single 24-mg oral dose of ondansetron was superior to a relevant historical placebo control in the prevention of nausea and vomiting associated with highly emetogenic cancer chemotherapy, including cisplatin greater than or equal to 50 mg/m<sup>2</sup>. Steroid administration was excluded from these clinical trials. More than 90% of patients receiving a cisplatin dose greater than or equal to 50 mg/m<sup>2</sup> in the historical-placebo comparator, experienced vomiting in the absence of antiemetic therapy.

The first trial compared oral doses of ondansetron 24 mg as a single dose, 8 mg every 8 hours for 2 doses, and 32 mg as a single dose in 357 adult cancer patients receiving chemotherapy regimens containing cisplatin greater than or equal to 50 mg/m<sup>2</sup>. The first or single dose was administered 30 minutes prior to chemotherapy. A total of 66% of patients in the ondansetron 24-mg once-a-day group, 55% in the ondansetron 8-mg twice-a-day group, and 55% in the ondansetron 32-mg once-a-day group, completed the 24-hour trial period with 0 emetic episodes and no rescue antiemetic medications, the primary endpoint of efficacy. Each of the 3 treatment groups was shown to be statistically significantly superior to a historical placebo control.

In the same trial, 56% of patients receiving a single 24-mg oral dose of ondansetron experienced no nausea during the 24-hour trial period, compared with 36% of patients in the oral ondansetron 8-mg twice-a-day group (  $P = 0.001$ ) and 50% in the oral ondansetron 32-mg once-a-day group. Dosage regimens of ondansetron 8 mg twice daily and 32 mg once daily are not recommended for the prevention of nausea and vomiting associated with highly emetogenic chemotherapy [see *Dosage and Administration ( 2.1)*].

In a second trial, efficacy of a single 24-mg oral dose of ondansetron for the prevention of nausea and vomiting associated with highly emetogenic cancer chemotherapy, including cisplatin greater than or equal to 50 mg/m<sup>2</sup>, was confirmed.

#### Moderately Emetogenic Chemotherapy

A randomized, placebo-controlled, double-blind trial was conducted in the US in 67 patients receiving a cyclophosphamide-based chemotherapy regimen containing doxorubicin. The first 8-mg dose of ondansetron was administered 30 minutes before the start of chemotherapy, with a subsequent dose 8 hours after the first dose, followed by 8 mg of ondansetron twice a day for 2 days after the completion of chemotherapy.

Ondansetron was significantly more effective than placebo in preventing vomiting. Treatment response was based on the total number of emetic episodes over the 3-day trial period. The results of this trial are summarized in Table 7.

**Table 7: Emetic Episodes - Treatment Response in Patients Receiving Moderately Emetogenic Chemotherapy (Cyclophosphamide-based Regimen Containing Doxorubicin)**

	<b>Ondansetron (n = 33)</b>	<b>Placebo (n = 34)</b>	<b>P-value</b>
Treatment response			
0 Emetic episodes	20 (61%)	2 (6%)	<0.001
1 to 2 Emetic episodes	6 (18%)	8 (24%)	
More than 2 emetic episodes/withdrawn	7 (21%)	24 (71%)	<0.001
Median number of emetic episodes	0	Undefined <sup>a</sup>	
Median time to first emetic episode (hours)	Undefined <sup>b</sup>	6.5	

- <sup>a</sup> Median undefined since at least 50% of the patients were withdrawn or had more than 2 emetic episodes.
- <sup>b</sup> Median undefined since at least 50% of patients did not have any emetic episodes.

In a double-blind, US trial in 336 patients receiving a cyclophosphamide-based chemotherapy regimen containing either methotrexate or doxorubicin, ondansetron 8 mg administered twice a day, was as effective as ondansetron 8 mg administered 3 times a day in preventing nausea and vomiting. Ondansetron 8 mg three times daily is not a recommended regimen for the treatment of moderately emetogenic chemotherapy [see *Dosage and Administration ( 2.1)*].

Treatment response was based on the total number of emetic episodes over the 3-day trial period. See Table 8 for the details of the dosage regimens studied and results of this trial.

**Table 8: Emetic Episodes - Treatment Response After Ondansetron Tablets**

## Administered Twice a Day and Three Times a Day

	<b>Ondansetron Tablets</b>	
	<b>8 mg Twice Daily <sup>a</sup> (n = 165)</b>	<b>8 mg Three Times a Day <sup>b</sup> (n = 171)</b>
Treatment response		
0 Emetic episodes	101 (61%)	99 (58%)
1 to 2 Emetic episodes	16 (10%)	17 (10%)
More than 2 emetic episodes/withdrawn	48 (29%)	55 (32%)
Median number of emetic episodes	0	0
Median time to first emetic episode (h)	Undefined <sup>c</sup>	Undefined <sup>c</sup>
Median nausea scores (0 to 100) <sup>d</sup>	6	6

- <sup>a</sup> The first 8-mg dose was administered 30 minutes before the start of emetogenic chemotherapy, with a subsequent 8-mg dose 8 hours after the first dose, followed by 8 mg administered twice a day for 2 days after the completion of chemotherapy.
- <sup>b</sup> The first 8-mg dose was administered 30 minutes before the start of emetogenic chemotherapy, with subsequent 8-mg doses at 4 hours and 8 hours after the first dose, followed by 8 mg administered 3 times a day for 2 days after the completion of chemotherapy.
- <sup>c</sup> Median undefined since at least 50% of patients did not have any emetic episodes.
- <sup>d</sup> Visual analog scale assessment: 0 = no nausea, 100 = nausea as bad as it can be.

### Re- treatment

In single-arm trials, 148 patients receiving cyclophosphamide-based chemotherapy were re-treated with ondansetron 8 mg three times daily during subsequent chemotherapy for a total of 396 re-treatment courses. No emetic episodes occurred in 314 (79%) of the re-treatment courses, and only 1 to 2 emetic episodes occurred in 43 (11%) of the re-treatment courses.

### Pediatric Trials

Three open-label, single-arm, non-US trials have been performed with 182 pediatric patients aged 4 to 18 years with cancer who were given a variety of cisplatin or noncisplatin regimens. The initial dose of ondansetron injection ranged from 0.04 to 0.87 mg per kg (total dose of 2.16 mg to 12 mg) followed by the administration of oral doses of ondansetron ranging from 4 to 24 mg daily for 3 days. In these trials, 58% of the 170 evaluable patients had a complete response (no emetic episodes) on Day 1. In 2 trials, the response rates to ondansetron 4 mg three times a day in patients younger than 12 years was similar to ondansetron 8 mg three times daily in patients 12 to 18 years. Prevention of emesis in these pediatric patients was essentially the same as for adults.

## **14.2 Radiation-Induced Nausea and Vomiting**

### Total Body Irradiation

In a randomized, placebo-controlled, double-blind trial in 20 patients, 8 mg of ondansetron administered 1.5 hours before each fraction of radiotherapy for 4 days

was significantly more effective than placebo in preventing vomiting induced by total body irradiation. Total body irradiation consisted of 11 fractions (120 cGy per fraction) over 4 days for a total of 1,320 cGy. Patients received 3 fractions for 3 days, then 2 fractions on Day 4.

#### Single High- Dose Fraction Radiotherapy

In an active-controlled, double-blind trial in 105 patients receiving single high-dose radiotherapy (800 to 1,000 cGy) over an anterior or posterior field size of greater than or equal to 80 cm<sup>2</sup> to the abdomen, ondansetron was significantly more effective than metoclopramide with respect to complete control of emesis (0 emetic episodes). Patients received the first dose of ondansetron (8 mg) or metoclopramide (10 mg) 1 to 2 hours before radiotherapy. If radiotherapy was given in the morning, 8 mg of ondansetron or 10 mg of metoclopramide was administered in the late afternoon and repeated again before bedtime. If radiotherapy was given in the afternoon, patients took 8 mg of ondansetron or 10 mg of metoclopramide only once before bedtime. Patients continued the doses of oral medication three times daily for 3 days.

#### Daily Fractionated Radiotherapy

In an active-controlled, double-blind trial in 135 patients receiving a 1- to 4- week course of fractionated radiotherapy (180 cGy doses) over a field size of greater than or equal to 100 cm<sup>2</sup> to the abdomen, ondansetron was significantly more effective than prochlorperazine with respect to complete control of emesis (0 emetic episodes). Patients received the first dose of ondansetron (8 mg) or prochlorperazine (10 mg) 1 to 2 hours before the first daily radiotherapy fraction, with subsequent 8-mg doses approximately every 8 hours on each day of radiotherapy.

### **14.3 Postoperative Nausea and/ or Vomiting**

In 2 placebo-controlled, double-blind trials (one conducted in the US and the other outside the US) in 865 females undergoing inpatient surgical procedures, ondansetron 16 mg as a single dose or placebo was administered one hour before the induction of general balanced anesthesia (barbiturate, opioid, nitrous oxide, neuromuscular blockade, and supplemental isoflurane or enflurane), ondansetron tablets was significantly more effective than placebo in preventing postoperative nausea and vomiting.

No trials have been performed in males.

## **16 HOW SUPPLIED/STORAGE AND HANDLING**

Ondansetron Orally Disintegrating Tablets, USP

4 mg (as 4 mg ondansetron base) are white, circular, flat faced, uncoated tablets with 'G' engraved on one side and '4' on the other side in:

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NDC: 70518-3512-04

NDC: 70518-3512-05

NDC: 70518-3512-06

NDC: 70518-3512-07

NDC: 70518-3512-08

PACKAGING: 30 in 1 BOX, UNIT DOSE

PACKAGING: 6 in 1 BOX, UNIT DOSE

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PACKAGING: 20 in 1 BOX, UNIT DOSE

PACKAGING: 12 in 1 BOX, UNIT DOSE

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PACKAGING: 21 in 1 BOX, UNIT DOSE

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PACKAGING: 3 in 1 BOX, UNIT DOSE

Store at 20°C to 25°C (68°F to 77°F) [see USP Controlled Room Temperature].

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## **17 PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION**

### Hypersensitivity Reactions

Inform patients that ondansetron may cause hypersensitivity reactions, some as severe as anaphylaxis and bronchospasm. Instruct patients to immediately report any signs and symptoms of hypersensitivity reactions, including fever, chills, rash, or breathing problems to their healthcare provider [ *see Warnings and Precautions ( 5.1)*  ].

### QT Prolongation

Inform patients that ondansetron may cause serious cardiac arrhythmias, such as QT prolongation. Instruct patients to tell their healthcare provider right away if they perceive a change in their heart rate, if they feel lightheaded, or if they have a syncopal episode [ *see Warnings and Precautions ( 5.2)*  ].

### Drug Interactions

- Instruct the patient to report the use of all medications, especially apomorphine, to their healthcare provider. Concomitant use of apomorphine and ondansetron may cause a significant drop in blood pressure and loss of consciousness.
- Advise patients of the possibility of serotonin syndrome with concomitant use of ondansetron and another serotonergic agent, such as medications to treat depression and migraines. Advise patients to seek immediate medical attention if the following symptoms occur: changes in mental status, autonomic instability, neuromuscular symptoms with or without gastrointestinal symptoms [ *see Warnings and Precautions ( 5.3)*  ].

### Myocardial Ischemia

Inform patients that ondansetron may cause myocardial ischemia. Advise patients to seek immediate medical help if any symptoms suggestive of a myocardial ischemia occur, such as sudden chest pain or chest tightness [ *see Warnings and Precautions* ].

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### Masking of Progressive Ileus and Gastric Distension

Inform patients following abdominal surgery or those with chemotherapy-induced nausea and vomiting that ondansetron may mask signs and symptoms of bowel obstruction. Instruct patients to immediately report any signs or symptoms consistent with a potential bowel obstruction to their healthcare provider [ see *Warnings and Precautions* ( 5.5) ].

### Administration of Ondansetron Orally Disintegrating Tablets

Instruct patients not to remove ondansetron orally disintegrating tablets from the blister until just prior to dosing.

- Do not attempt to push ondansetron orally disintegrating tablets through the foil backing.
- With dry hands, peel back the foil backing of 1 blister and gently remove the tablet.
- Immediately place the ondansetron orally disintegrating tablet on top of the tongue where it will dissolve in seconds, then swallow with saliva.
- Administration with liquid is not necessary.
- Peelable illustrated stickers are affixed to the product carton that can be provided with the prescription to ensure proper use and handling of the product.

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## **6. Adverse Reactions**

### **PRINCIPAL DISPLAY PANEL**

DRUG: Ondansetron

GENERIC: Ondansetron

DOSAGE: TABLET, ORALLY DISINTEGRATING

ADMINISTRATION: ORAL

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NDC: 70518-3512-5

NDC: 70518-3512-6

NDC: 70518-3512-7

NDC: 70518-3512-8

COLOR: white

FLAVOR: STRAWBERRY

SHAPE: ROUND

SCORE: No score

SIZE: 7 mm

IMPRINT: G;4

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ACTIVE INGREDIENT(S):

- ONDANSETRON 4mg in 1

INACTIVE INGREDIENT(S):

- ASPARTAME
- SILICON DIOXIDE
- CROSPVIDONE (120 .MU.M)
- MAGNESIUM STEARATE
- MANNITOL
- SODIUM STEARYL FUMARATE

## Ondansetron Tablet

Orally Disintegrating

**4 mg**

**QTY: 30 Tablets**

NDC #: **70518-3512-00**

Expires:

Phenylketonurics: Contains phenylalanine.

Round WHITE G;4

Usual Dosage: See Insert

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LOT #:

Org NDC: 68462-0157-13

MFG: Glenmark, Mahwah, NJ  
07430

Keep this and all medication out of the reach of children  
Store at 20-25°C (68-77°F);  
excursions permitted to 15-30°C (59-86°F) [See USP]

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# Ondansetron Tablet

NDC #: 70518-3512-08

LOT #:

Expires:

Org NDC: 68462-0157-13

Phenylketonurics: Contains phenylalanine.

MFG: Glenmark, Mahwah, NJ 07430

Orally Disintegrating

4 mg

QTY: 3 Tablets

Round WHITE G;4

Keep this and all medication out of the reach of children  
Store at 20-25°C (68-77°F); excursions permitted to 15-30°C (59-86°F) [See USP]

Usual Dosage: See Insert



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## ONDANSETRON

ondansetron tablet, orally disintegrating

### Product Information

Product Type	HUMAN PRESCRIPTION DRUG	Item Code (Source)	NDC:70518-3512(NDC:68462-157)
Route of Administration	ORAL		

### Active Ingredient/Active Moiety

Ingredient Name	Basis of Strength	Strength
ONDANSETRON (UNII: 4AF302ESOS) (ONDANSETRON - UNII:4AF302ESOS)	ONDANSETRON	4 mg

### Inactive Ingredients

Ingredient Name	Strength
ASPARTAME (UNII: Z0H242BBR1)	
SILICON DIOXIDE (UNII: ETJ7Z6XBU4)	
CROSPVIDONE (120 .MU.M) (UNII: 68401960MK)	
MAGNESIUM STEARATE (UNII: 70097M6I30)	
MANNITOL (UNII: 3OWL53L36A)	
SODIUM STEARYL FUMARATE (UNII: 7CV7VJK4UI)	

### Product Characteristics

Color	white	Score	no score
Shape	ROUND	Size	7mm
Flavor	STRAWBERRY	Imprint Code	G;4
Contains			

### Packaging

#	Item Code	Package Description	Marketing Start Date	Marketing End Date
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