

Pharmacy Sumatriptan (Imitrex®)

You have received sumatriptan for treatment of your migraine attack. Here is some important information about this drug which you should be aware of:

- Sumatriptan may cause dizziness and drowsiness. Do not drive or operate heavy machinery until you know how you respond to this drug.
- Should you develop chest pain, contact your physician immediately.
- If the first dose of sumatriptan provided some relief of your migraine but symptoms have not completely gone, you may repeat the tablet every 2 hours or give yourself another injection in 1 hour. The maximum dose is 3 tablets in 24 hours or 2 injections in 24 hours.
- If the first dose of sumatriptan did not work at all, you should not take any more for this migraine attack. However, sumatriptan may be used successfully for subsequent attacks.
- After a dose of sumatriptan, ergotamine containing preparations should not be used within 6 hours of the last dose of sumatriptan.
- Sumatriptan is available from your community pharmacy. If you suffer from regular migraine attacks, you should consider obtaining and filling a prescription for the drug. By keeping a supply of sumatriptan on hand, you can treat yourself in a timely manner and in the comfort of familiar surroundings.

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