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#### What are sumatriptan succinate tablets?

Sumatriptan succinate tablets are a kind of medicine called a triptan. You should take it only if you have a prescription.

Sumatriptan succinate tablets are used to relieve your migraine. They are not used to prevent attacks or reduce the number of attacks you have. Use sumatriptan succinate tablets only to treat an actual migraine attack.

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#### Talk with your healthcare provider before taking sumatriptan succinate tablets

##### 1. Risk factors for heart disease to tell your healthcare provider:

Tell your healthcare provider if you have risk factors for heart disease such as:

- high blood pressure
- high cholesterol
- being overweight
- diabetes
- smoking
- strong family history of heart disease
- you are postmenopausal
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If you do have risk factors for heart disease, your healthcare provider should check you for heart disease to see if sumatriptan succinate tablets are right for you.

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of sumatriptan succinate tablets. Usually, serious problems happened in people with known heart disease. It was not clear whether sumatriptan succinate tablets had anything to do with these deaths.

#### 2. Important questions to ask yourself before you take sumatriptan succinate tablets:

If the answer to any of the following questions is **YES** or if you do not know the answer, then please talk with your healthcare provider before you take sumatriptan succinate tablets.

- Are you pregnant? Do you think you might be pregnant? Are you trying to become pregnant? Are you not using adequate contraception? Are you breastfeeding?
- Do you have any chest pain, heart disease, shortness of breath, or irregular heartbeats? Have you had a heart attack?
- Do you have risk factors for heart disease (see list above)?
- Have you had a stroke, a mini-stroke (also called a transient ischemic attack or TIA), or Raynaud syndrome?
- Do you have high blood pressure?
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- Are you taking any other migraine medicines, including other triptans? Are you taking any medicines containing ergotamine, dihydroergotamine, or methysergide?
- Are you taking any medicine for depression or other health problems such as a monoamine oxidase inhibitor, selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor (SSRI), or serotonin norepinephrine reuptake inhibitor (SNRI)? Common SSRIs are citalopram HBr (CELEXA®), escitalopram oxalate (LEXAPRO®), paroxetine (PAXIL®), fluoxetine (PROZAC® /SARAFEM®), olanzapine/fluoxetine (SYMBYAX®), sertraline (ZOLOFT®), and fluvoxamine. Common SNRIs are duloxetine (CYMBALTA®) and venlafaxine (EFFEXOR®).
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#### 2. How to take sumatriptan succinate tablets:

For adults, the usual dose is a single tablet swallowed whole with water or other liquids. Do not split tablets. If your symptoms of migraine come back or if you have a partial response to the first dose, you can take a second tablet 2 hours after the first tablet, but not sooner.

For any attack where you have no response to the first tablet, do not take a second tablet without first talking to your healthcare provider. Do not take more than a total of 200 mg of sumatriptan succinate tablets in any 24 hour period. The safety of treating an average of more than 4 headaches in a 30 day period has not been established.

#### 3. What to do if you take an overdose:

If you have taken more medicine than has been prescribed for you, contact either your healthcare provider, hospital emergency department, or nearest poison control center right away.

#### 4. How to store your medicine:

Keep your medicine in a safe place where children cannot reach it. It may be harmful to children.

Do not take tablets out of the packaging until you are ready to take them. Do not store the tablets in any other container.

Store your medicine away from heat and light. Do not store at temperatures above 86°F (30°C) or below 36°F (2°C).

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### Some possible side effects of sumatriptan succinate tablets

- Some patients feel pain or tightness in the chest or throat when using sumatriptan succinate tablets. If this happens to you, tell your healthcare provider before taking any more sumatriptan succinate tablets. If the chest pain, tightness, or pressure is severe or does not go away, call your healthcare provider right away.

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