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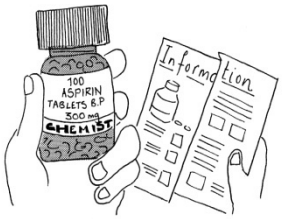
Rivastigmine

Medication for Dementia



Your medication

Rivastigmine





What is this leaflet for?

This leaflet is to help you understand more about your medicine.

Your medicine could look different to the pictures on this leaflet.

Rivastigmine is also called Exelon.

Rivastigmine is available as tablets and liquid and patch .



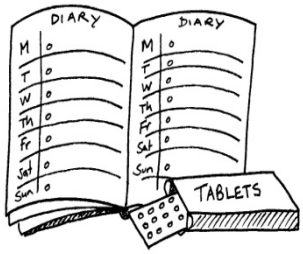
What is Rivastigmine used for?

This medication is used in dementia.

Medication is useful but not a cure.

It only slows the dementia down.

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How and when do I take Rivastigmine?

The label on the packet should tell you when and how much you should take



When to stop taking your Rivastigmine?

You should carry on taking your medicine unless your doctor asks you to stop.



What are the side effects of Rivastigmine?

Side effects are the unwanted effects of any medicine on the body.

Not everyone taking a medicine will get side effects.

Many side effects will go away with time. But some side effects may last for longer.

Some side effects can be serious.

You should tell your doctor if you have any side effect.

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What are the side effects?

Loose stools

Feeling sick

Headache

Muscle cramps

Feeling tired

Difficulty in sleeping

Feeling dizzy

Having a rash or feeling itchy

Losing appetite

Pain in tummy

Feeling confused

Feeling shaky

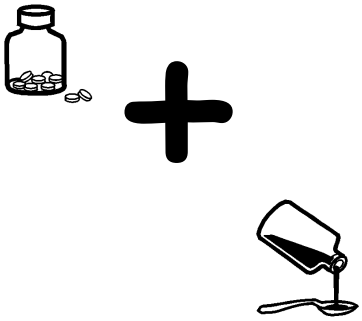


Other side effects which are rare include:

Change in functioning of the heart

Bleeding inside the tummy

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Some medicines do not work well together.

You should tell your doctor about any other medicines you are taking.



What should I not do while taking Rivastigmine?

Drinking alcohol when you are on Rivastigmine could make you feel sleepy.



Doctor's comments

Help and support

	Your doctor: …… Telephone Number: ……
	Your Psychiatrist: Dr S Bhaumik Telephone Number: ……
	Your Community Nurse: …… Telephone Number: ……
	Other professionals involved:
Patient UK The same health information as provided by GPs to patients during consultations	Other resources: www.patient.co.uk NHS Direct 0845 4647

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