

In Summary

What you need to know about macitentan?

- Macitentan is usually taken once daily.
- Always come for your blood tests on the scheduled date.
- Beware of the side effects and know when to seek immediate medical attention.
- Macitentan can interact with other medicines. Tell your doctor or pharmacist about all medicines you are taking or plan to take.
- Do not take over-the-counter medicines, supplements or herbal medicines without checking with your doctor/pharmacist/advanced practiced nurse first.
- For patients who intend to start a family, consult your doctor before you start the treatment.
- If you have any questions about the treatment, please discuss it with your doctor/ advanced practice nurse at 65762418 or Pharmacist at 63265077.

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Macitentan



About your medicine

- Macitentan is used to treat people with certain types of pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH), a condition that causes high blood pressure in the vessels that lead blood from the heart to the lungs. This medicine is expected to:
 - Lower high blood pressure in your lungs and allow heart to pump blood better
 - Lower the chance of your condition getting worse

How is the medicine given?

- Macitentan comes in 10mg tablet in SGH.
- It is taken orally, with or without food, once a day.
- This tablet should be swallowed whole with a glass of plain water. Do not crush or chew it.
- It can be taken alone or with some other PAH medications prescribed by your doctor.

What should I do if I forget a dose?

- If you have missed a dose, take it as soon as you remember.
- If it is almost time for your next dose, skip the missed dose and continue with your regular dosing schedule.
- Do not double the dose to make up for the missed dose.

Do I skip dose if I am sick?

- Your doctor will decide if you need to stop macitentan on a case-by-case basis.

What are the possible side effects of the medicine?

- Common side effects:
 - Flu, stuffy nose
 - Sore throat
 - Irritation of the airways
 - Headache
 - Anemia
 - Urinary tract infection
- Less common or rare side effects:
 - Allergic reactions including swelling in the mouth, tongue, face and throat, itching and rash
 - Symptoms indicating liver damage, such as nausea, vomiting, fever, abdominal pain or unusual tiredness
 - Jaundice (yellowing of skin or whites of eyes)
- Serious side effects:
 - Serious birth defects
 - Anemia (Low red blood cell levels)
 - Liver problem

When do I seek immediate medical attention?

- Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you have:
 - Taken more than the prescribed dose
 - Notice any serious side effects, or other side effects not listed in this leaflet

What should I do when taking the medicine?

- Come back to the hospital for regular blood tests as instructed by your doctor as side effects can happen at any time during the course of treatment, and some of it (e.g. liver abnormality and anemia) may not show symptoms.
- Speak to your doctor if you have anemia or a known liver problem.
- Monthly pregnancy tests are recommended during treatment for early detection of pregnancy.

Can I take other medicine or supplements?

- Macitentan can interact with other medicines causing reduced efficacy or side effects.
- You should tell your doctor or pharmacist about all medicines you have recently taken, are taking or plan to take. This includes over-the-counter medicines or supplements.
- Do not take any supplements, alternative or herbal medicines without informing your doctor or pharmacist.

Can I start a family or breastfeed?

- Macitentan can cause serious birth defects. Hence, pregnancy must be avoided at all times during the treatment.
- Both men and women of childbearing age must use a reliable method of contraception to avoid the risk of an unplanned pregnancy during treatment.
- If you are pregnant or planning to have a child, discuss it with your doctor before you begin the treatment.
- It is not known whether macitentan can pass through breast milk and harm your baby. Therefore, breastfeeding is not recommended.

How should I store the medicine?

- Keep the tablets at room temperature below 30°C.
- Keep all medication out of reach of children.