

## Ondansetron 4mg Oral Tablet

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### **What is this medication?**

**Generic Name:** Ondansetron

**Brand Names:** Zofran®, Zuplenz®.

**Ondansetron is a serotonin (5-HT<sub>3</sub>) receptor antagonist** used to prevent and treat **nausea and vomiting** caused by: Chemotherapy. Radiation therapy. Surgery. Gastrointestinal upset (off-label use). It works by **blocking serotonin**, a natural substance that can trigger nausea and vomiting.

### **What are the ingredients?**

Active Ingredient: Ondansetron hydrochloride (equivalent to 4 mg of ondansetron base).

### **What should I tell my healthcare provider before I take this medication?**

Tell your provider if you: Have liver disease. Have or have had irregular heart rhythms (e.g., QT prolongation). Have low levels of potassium or magnesium. Have phenylketonuria (PKU) (some forms contain phenylalanine). Are pregnant, trying to conceive, or breastfeeding. Are taking medications that affect heart rhythm or serotonin levels.

### **How should I use this medication?**

Take exactly as prescribed, typically once every 8 to 12 hours as needed.

May be taken with or without food.

Swallow the tablet whole with a glass of water.

If using the orally disintegrating tablet (ODT) form, allow it to melt on the tongue before swallowing—do not chew.

### **What if I miss a dose?**

If you miss a scheduled dose, take it as soon as you remember.

If it's close to the time for your next dose, skip the missed dose—do not double up.

### **What may interact with this medication?**

Potential interactions include: Other serotonin-increasing drugs (e.g., SSRIs, SNRIs, tramadol) – risk of serotonin syndrome. Drugs that prolong the QT interval (e.g., amiodarone, certain antibiotics). Apomorphine – contraindicated due to severe hypotension and loss of consciousness.

Always check with your provider before starting or stopping any medication, including non-prescription products.

### **What side effect:**

**Common side effects:** Headache. Fatigue. Constipation or diarrhea. Dizziness

**Less common but serious side effects:** Irregular heartbeat or chest pain. Severe allergic reaction (rash, itching, swelling). Signs of serotonin syndrome (confusion, rapid heart rate, agitation, sweating, muscle twitching). Seizures (rare).

This list may not describe all possible side effects. Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects and any unusual problems while taking this medication. If you experience a serious side effect, you or your doctor may send a report to the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) MedWatch Adverse Event Reporting program, online ([www.fda.gov/Safety/MedWatch](http://www.fda.gov/Safety/MedWatch)) or by phone (1-800-332-1088)

### **What should I watch while using this medication?**

Monitor for changes in heart rhythm if you have a history of cardiac issues.

Stay hydrated if vomiting persists.

Let your provider know if nausea is not relieved, or if symptoms worsen.

Watch for signs of electrolyte imbalance if used frequently.

### **Where should I keep my medication?**

Store at room temperature, away from moisture, heat, and direct light. Keep in a secure location away from children, pets, and unauthorized individuals.

**Disposal:** Do not flush or pour unused medication down the drain. The best option is to use a DEA-authorized drug take-back location, which you can find at [rxdrugdropbox.org](http://rxdrugdropbox.org). If that's not available, mix the medication (still in its vial or drawn into a syringe) with an undesirable substance like used coffee grounds or cat litter, seal it in a plastic bag, and discard it in the household trash—after removing any personal information from the label. Used syringes must be placed in an FDA-cleared sharps container and taken to an appropriate sharps disposal site. If you're unsure, contact your pharmacist at 727-498-1228 for guidance.

## **OFFER TO COUNSEL NOTICE**

You are receiving this notice because you or your physician recently requested a compounded prescription to be filled by our pharmacy. You are entitled to receive medication counseling from one of our pharmacists regarding the following: Name and description of medication. Dose, route of administration, and duration of medication. Intended use of medication and expected action. Special directions and precautions for use. Common adverse effects or interactions. Techniques for self-monitoring. Proper storage. Prescription refill information.

You may contact a pharmacist at (727) 498-1228 Monday through Friday, 9AM to 5PM EST and Saturday 9AM-1PM EST.

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Our pharmacists will be happy to discuss any additional questions or concerns you may have.

**NOTE:** This sheet is a summary. It may not cover all possible information. If you have questions about this medicine, talk to your doctor, pharmacist, or health care provider.