

SOCIÉTÉ FRANÇAISE DE PHARMACIE ONCOLOGIQUE ONCOLIEN[®] Patient Information Leaflet Ruxolitinib – JAKAVI®

What is JAKAVI®

Medicine Name	Description
Ruxolitinib	5 mg pill: white, round 10 mg pill: white, round 15 mg pill: white, oval 20 mg pill: white, oblong

How should you take your medicine?

Your doctor has determined your medicine dosage.

In your case, the dosage is as follows:..... mg/day, i.e. 1..... mg pill, twice a day, every day.

Swallow whole with a glass of water; do not crush, cut, chew, or dilute the pills.

At a set time, with or without meals.

If you forgot to take a dose or in case of vomiting, do not take an additional dose but wait for the time to take the next dose.

Dosage – therapy regimen



How to get the medicine supply?

This medicine is available in local pharmacies.

Getting this medicine might take time. Be careful and order the medicine in advance. Store this product in its original packaging, away from sources of heat and moisture.

What else do you need to know?

Precautions and monitoring

Laboratory tests are necessary while taking your medication (blood test to monitor blood counts, liver function, and cholesterol level), as well as clinical condition monitoring (blood pressure).

Using contraceptives

This drug may harm an unborn baby. During the entire treatment, you and your partner need to use effective contraception methods (condoms combined with another method).

Interactions with other medications and/or food

The occurrence of interactions between JAKAVI® and your other treatments may have harmful consequences (reduced drug efficacy and tolerance). It is important to tell your pharmacist and doctor about all medications and/or other substances (foods, plants, probiotics, essential oils, nutritional supplements, etc.) that you are taking. *Example:* While taking JAKAVI®, it is necessary to avoid using Saint John's wort and grapefruit.

What are possible side effects?

Only the most common side effects are listed below. There might be some other side effects. For additional information, refer to your medicine leaflet or seek advice from your doctor or pharmacist.

SIDE EFFECTS



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Most common ones	General disorders: dizziness Abnormal lab results: low thrombocyte count (thrombocytopenia) and/or low multinuclear neutrophil count (neutropenia), low hemoglobin level (anemia), abnormal liver function tests, and elevated cholesterol level Infections, including urinary tract infections Pain: headaches High blood pressure Others: bleedings (hematomas, bleedings from the nose and gums), weight gain, constipation
Some patients require special attention	Patients – carriers of hepatitis B virus
WHEN TO ALERT THE MEDIC	CAL TEAM?
Tell medical personnel if the following conditions are present and in the absence of specific medical advice	Symptoms suggestive of infection > Temperature > 38.5 °C > Cough, throat pain, pain on urination, diarrhea with fever Symptoms suggestive of hemorrhage > Blood in stool or in vomit > Hematomas (bruises), nose bleedings Pain that prevents you from doing your normal activities > Headaches > Fatigue Hypertension symptoms > Headaches, buzzing in the ears, and/or dizziness > Blood pressure increase
HOW TO PREVENT SIDE EFF	ECTS?
Weight	Regularly check your weight.
Infection	Avoid visiting high risk areas (crowds, contact with sick people,). A flu and pneumococcal infection vaccine might be recommended for you: it will protect you.
Blood pressure control	Elevated blood pressure needs to be corrected. Taking arterial pressure regularly is recommended. Pharmacists can help you take your blood pressure. You can also ask to do it by yourself using an automatic blood pressure monitor.
Bleedings	Avoid taking anti-inflammatory drugs (ibuprofen, aspirin) Notify your doctor: > if you take blood thinners or thrombocytic antiaggregants: careful monitoring is needed > about surgical or dental intervention.
Fatigue / constipation	Opt for activities contributing to well-being, in particular adjusted and regular physical activities: walking, work in the garden, swimming, biking, sports Alternate periods of activity and rest
HOW TO ADAPT YOUR DIET	?
Weight gain	Drink plenty of fluid and avoid sugary drinks. Opt for a diverse diet: more vegetables and fruit, lean meat (skinless poultry, rabbit). Plan to have a light meal to avoid snacking.
	Avoid sausages, pastries, and various sweets, fried foods, as well as fatty and sugary processed foods.



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