



## HCN Blocker

Ivabradine is in a class of medications called hyperpolarization-activated cyclic nucleotide-gated (HCN) channel blockers. It works by slowing the heart rate so the heart can pump more blood through the body each time it beats.

| Medication Name | Brand Name |
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| Ivabradine      | ○ Coralan  |

### What is it used for?

Ivabradine is prescribed for symptomatic stable angina in adult patients whose heart rate is over or equal to 70 beats per minute or to help manage heart failure.

### How to take this medication?

Swallow your tablets with water, and with food. The usual dose is one tablet in the morning and one tablet in the evening. In some cases, for example if you are elderly, your doctor may prescribe half the dose. If you forget to take a dose, take the next dose at your normal time. Do not take a double dose next time, to make up for the dose that you missed.

**Take this medication only as per directions on the pharmacy label.**

### Before taking this medication it is important to tell your doctor if you:

- Are pregnant or plan to become pregnant
- Are breast feeding
- If you have a permanent pacemaker inserted
- If you have liver or kidney disease
- If you suffer from retinitis pigmentosa or 'light sensitivity'

### Side Effects

Side effects occur in some people taking this medication. If they are troublesome to you, speak to your doctor or pharmacist.

### It is very important to tell your doctor immediately if you have:

- **Temporary visual symptoms (very common side effect) including bright spots of light, a halo, coloured flashes or multiple or distorted images and blurred vision. This may occur particularly when moving quickly between dim and bright lighting conditions.**
- **Breathing difficulties**
- **Palpitations**
- **Headache, dizziness or fainting**
- **Muscle cramps.**

### Contact your doctor immediately if:

- You develop a rash or swelling of your tongue or lips after taking this medicine.

**In case of overdose with this medication call 13 11 26 for advice on poisons and poisoning. Poisons information centre operates 24 hours a day 7 days a week**

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