



WHAT IS GLIVEC® IMATINIB ?

- Cancer drug used in the treatment of myeloidic leukaemia(LMC) and other blood cancers ; in the treatment of some types of cancers of the skin and of the digestive tract.
- Prescription restricted to your doctor specialized in cancerology, oncology, hematology, hepato/gastro-enterology, or internal medicine. Prescription issued by a hospital specialist at least every 6 months.

Available in city pharmacies on presentation of your prescription.



Layered tablets, from dark yellow to orange brown, dosed at 100 mg or 400 mg
 - 100 mg : « NVR » engraved on one side and « SA » on the other
 - 400 mg : « glivec » engraved on one side.




- Store at a temperature not over 30°C, out of sight and reach of children.
- Do not get the tablets out of the box to put them in a pill-box.
- Wash your hands carefully before and after each handling of the tablets.
- Do not throw away the opened boxes, please bring them back to your pharmacist.

HOW TO TAKE THIS MEDICINE?


To be filled with the help
of healthcare**

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| Dose per day | mg | = | tablets of 100 mg tablets of 400 mg |
| When ? |h...h.... | | If posology < 600 mg/day : 1 take /day, at h If posology = 800 mg/day : 2 takes/day, at h and h |
| How ? |  | | Swallow the tablets whole, with water, successively, every day at the same moment of the day. If you can't swallow the tablet(s), dissolve them in plain water or apple juice (50 ml of liquid for 100 mg imatinib) ; stir with a spoon and drink right away. |

You can help yourself with **your tracking book and a calendar** to spot the takes. Never stop or change the rhythm of administration of your treatment without your doctor's advice.

** This file is not a prescription ; refer to your latest prescription..

WHAT TO DO IN CASE OF MISSING OR VOMITING?



- **In case of missing**, do not take the missed dose, nor a double dose. The next dose will be taken at the usual time. Please note it in your tracking book*
- **In case of vomiting**, do not take a new dose, and do not double the following take. The next dose will be taken at the usual hour. Please note it in your tracking book.*

INTERACTIONS WITH OTHER MEDICINES AND/OR FOOD



Check with your **doctor and your pharmacist** that the medicines (with or without **prescription**) and/or **other substances (food, plants, among which grapefruit and St John's Wort, probiotics, essential oils, food supplements...)** that you are using are compatible with your treatment. Some interactions may have an influence on the efficiency of your treatment or the outcome of side effects.











Women under treatment must use an efficient contraceptive method (condoms and other method) during the whole treatment and until 15 days after the end of treatment.

*Tracking book available on sites www.omeditbretagne.fr or www.omedit-paysdelaloire.fr


WHAT SIDE EFFECTS MAY OCCUR WITH GLIVEC® IMATINIB ?

Like all medicines, Imatinib may infer side effects, but you may not experience any.

| | Sides effects | Prevention |
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|  | Nauseas, vomiting | Eat slowly and make several small light meals. Avoid greasy, fried and spicy food. Rather drink between meals . |
|  | Diarrheas, abdominal pains | Do not forget to hydrate well : at least 2 litres of water a day. Favor food that is poor in fibers (<i>starchy food, carrots, bananas...</i>). Avoid some food (<i>coffee, frozen drinks, dairy, alcohol , raw fruit and vegetables, cereals, fat food, spices...</i>). Rather drink between meals. Watch your weight regularly. |
|  | Skin eruption | Use a mild, perfume-free soap and a hydrating agent (cream or milk). Avoid hot water. Dab your skin dry. Avoid exposure to the sun (protecting clothes, hat, sun screen>50). Inform your doctor in case of skin trouble. |
|  | Swelling of face and limbs (oedemas) | Avoid tight clothes. Favor low-salted food. In case of swelling of the legs, raise your feet when sitting and wear support stockings. Watch your weight regularly. |
|  | Oedema in the eye | Contact your doctor in case of redness, swelling , itching in the eye. |
|  | Signs of infection : fever, shivers, cough, sore throat, urinary burns | Limit contacts with people with a contagious infection. Wash your hands frequently. Disinfect any wound carefully. If you have a fever over 38°C, inform your doctor. |
|  | Headaches, confusion, dizziness | Favor healthy food and do not forget to hydrate well. Respect moments of rest during the day, while keeping a moderate activity. Be prudent if you have to drive. |
|  | Cramps or muscular pains | Keep a regular hydration. Favor light exercise. Contact your doctor if these signs are persisting. |

Only some of the most frequent side effects are mentionned above. For further information, refer to your packaging or ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice.

You can also ask your questions to your center for side effects monitoring, or notify any side effect on the following site : signalement-sante.gouv.fr

 In all cases, do not forget to make the biological tests prescribed by your doctor.

WHAT TO DO IN CASE OF SIDE EFFECT(S)?

- Take the ledication prescribed for side effects in accordance with the doses.
- Inform your doctor at the first persisting signs.
- Respect measures of prevention.

Useful contacts:

Promptly contact your doctor in cese of :

- Signs of infection (fever, cough, shivers...)
- Nose bleedings or unusual bleedings (black motions, blood in the spits)
- Any persisting or worsening side effects.



Remarks :
