

Your medication information for CHRONIC HEART FAILURE

Ivabradine

Active Ingredient Name	Some Common Brand Names
Ivabradine	Coralan [®]

What is ivabradine?

- ♥ Ivabradine is a medicine that reduces the heart rate, which has been found to help heart function.
- ♥ It may work to:
 - Reduce your heart failure symptoms
 - Reduce your need for hospital admissions

What should I do while taking it?

Take your ivabradine every day according to the doctor's instructions.

- ♥ Ivabradine is usually taken twice a day, with or soon after food.

Do not eat grapefruit or drink grapefruit juice while being treated with ivabradine.

- ♥ Grapefruit juice can affect how your body processes this medicine.

Check with your doctor or pharmacist before taking any other medicines.

- ♥ This includes over-the-counter, complementary and alternative medicines such as vitamins, dietary supplements, homeopathy or traditional/herbal medicines.
- ♥ Ivabradine can interact with some other medicines.

See your doctor for a check-up two weeks after starting treatment with ivabradine or after a dose change, then every six to 12 months thereafter.

- ♥ The doctor will measure your heart rate and adjust your dose if necessary.

What are the possible side effects?

- ♥ Ivabradine may cause visual changes such as spots of light, a halo, coloured flashes, distorted images or blurred vision.
 - Visual changes usually occur in the first two months of treatment then disappear as treatment continues. They may be triggered by sudden changes between dim and bright lighting.
 - Take care when driving (especially at night) or when operating machinery if you experience visual changes.
 - Tell your doctor if you experience visual changes and they bother you.
- ♥ Tell your doctor if you notice an unusually slow or fast heart beat, or if you are troubled by symptoms of slow heart rate such as dizziness, shortness of breath, fatigue or fainting.
- ♥ Read the consumer medicines information leaflet or speak to your doctor or pharmacist if you would like more information about possible side effects.



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