Domperidone

This information from Lexicomp® explains what you need to know about this medication, including what it’s used for, how to take it, its side effects, and when to call your healthcare provider.

Brand Names: Canada

APO-Domperidone; BIO-Domperidone; DOM-Domperidone; Domperidone-10; GMD-Domperidone; JAMP-Domperidone; Mar-Domperidone; MYLAN-Domperidone [DSC]; PMS-Domperidone; Priva-Domperidone; PRZ-Domperidone; RAN-Domperidone; TEVA-Domperidone

Warning

- The chance of abnormal heartbeats or sudden death is raised with this drug. The chance is higher when used at doses more than 30 mg per day or in patients older than 60 years. The chance is also higher in patients at risk for a certain type of heartbeat that is not normal (prolonged QT interval) and in patients taking certain other drugs. Talk with the doctor.

- Many other drugs interact with this drug and must not be taken with it. Talk with your doctor and pharmacist to make sure that it is safe for you to use this drug with all of your other drugs.

- You may need to have your heart checked before starting this drug and while taking it. This includes an ECG.

- Do not take more than what your doctor told you to take. Taking more than you are told may raise your chance of very bad side effects.

- Do not take this drug for longer than you were told by your doctor.

What is this drug used for?

- It is used to treat a slow moving GI (gastrointestinal) tract in some people.
• It is used to prevent upset stomach and throwing up caused by drugs used for Parkinson’s disease.

**What do I need to tell my doctor BEFORE I take this drug?**

**For all patients taking this drug:**

• If you have an allergy to domperidone or any other part of this drug.

• If you are allergic to this drug; any part of this drug; or any other drugs, foods, or substances. Tell your doctor about the allergy and what signs you had.

• If you have any of these health problems: Electrolyte problems, liver problems, heartbeat that is not normal, or other heart problems like heart failure.

• If you have any of these health problems: Bowel block, GI (gastrointestinal) bleeding, a hole in the GI tract, or a pituitary tumor.

• If you take any drugs (prescription or OTC, natural products, vitamins) that must not be taken with this drug, like certain drugs that are used for HIV, infections, or depression. There are many drugs that must not be taken with this drug. Your doctor or pharmacist can tell you if you are taking a drug that must not be taken with this drug.

• If you are taking any drugs that can cause a certain type of heartbeat that is not normal (prolonged QT interval). There are many drugs that can do this. Ask your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure.

**Children:**

• If the patient is a child. Do not give this drug to a child.

This is not a list of all drugs or health problems that interact with this drug.

Tell your doctor and pharmacist about all of your drugs (prescription or OTC, natural products, vitamins) and health problems. You must check to make sure that it is safe for you to take this drug with all of your drugs and health problems. Do not start, stop, or change the dose of any drug without checking with your doctor.
What are some things I need to know or do while I take this drug?

- Tell all of your health care providers that you take this drug. This includes your doctors, nurses, pharmacists, and dentists.
- Have blood work checked as you have been told by the doctor. Talk with the doctor.
- Avoid grapefruit and grapefruit juice.
- Tell your doctor if you are pregnant or plan on getting pregnant. You will need to talk about the benefits and risks of using this drug while you are pregnant.
- Tell your doctor if you are breast-feeding. You will need to talk about any risks to your baby.

What are some side effects that I need to call my doctor about right away?

**WARNING/CAUTION:** Even though it may be rare, some people may have very bad and sometimes deadly side effects when taking a drug. Tell your doctor or get medical help right away if you have any of the following signs or symptoms that may be related to a very bad side effect:

- Signs of an allergic reaction, like rash; hives; itching; red, swollen, blistered, or peeling skin with or without fever; wheezing; tightness in the chest or throat; trouble breathing, swallowing, or talking; unusual hoarseness; or swelling of the mouth, face, lips, tongue, or throat.
- A heartbeat that does not feel normal.
- Chest pain or pressure or a fast heartbeat.
- Dizziness or passing out.
- Enlarged breasts.
- A lump in the breast, breast pain or soreness, or nipple discharge.
- Not able to get or keep an erection.
- Period (menstrual) changes.
What are some other side effects of this drug?

All drugs may cause side effects. However, many people have no side effects or only have minor side effects. Call your doctor or get medical help if any of these side effects or any other side effects bother you or do not go away:

- Headache.
- Dry mouth.

These are not all of the side effects that may occur. If you have questions about side effects, call your doctor. Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects.

You may report side effects to your national health agency.

How is this drug best taken?

Use this drug as ordered by your doctor. Read all information given to you. Follow all instructions closely.

- Take 15 to 30 minutes before meals.

What do I do if I miss a dose?

- Take a missed dose as soon as you think about it.
- If it is close to the time for your next dose, skip the missed dose and go back to your normal time.
- Do not take 2 doses at the same time or extra doses.

How do I store and/or throw out this drug?

- Store at room temperature.
- Protect from light.
- Store in a dry place. Do not store in a bathroom.
- Keep all drugs in a safe place. Keep all drugs out of the reach of children and pets.
- Throw away unused or expired drugs. Do not flush down a toilet or pour down a drain unless you are told to do so. Check with your pharmacist if you
have questions about the best way to throw out drugs. There may be drug take-back programs in your area.

**General drug facts**

- If your symptoms or health problems do not get better or if they become worse, call your doctor.
- Do not share your drugs with others and do not take anyone else’s drugs.
- Some drugs may have another patient information leaflet. If you have any questions about this drug, please talk with your doctor, nurse, pharmacist, or other health care provider.
- If you think there has been an overdose, call your poison control center or get medical care right away. Be ready to tell or show what was taken, how much, and when it happened.

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