

Your guide to your medication:

Medications Used in the Treatment of Dementia

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- **Donepezil**
- **Rivastigmine**
- **Galantamine**

Medicines used for the treatment of dementia

- The class of medicines commonly used to treat dementia is known as acetylcholinesterase inhibitors.
- These include:
 - **Donepezil** tablet
 - **Rivastigmine** capsule or transdermal patch
 - **Galantamine** capsule
- These medicines do not cure the disease but may delay the worsening of some symptoms of dementia for a period of time.

How these medications are administered

- Follow the directions on your medicine label or take as directed by your doctor.
- Oral medications are to be taken after meals.
- The Rivastigmine patch is meant to be applied on the skin. Please refer to the detailed product information available.

Possible common side effects (may affect up to 10% of patients)

Similar to all medications, the medications used for the treatment of dementia may cause some possible side effects in some people. Not everyone will experience the side effects as every individual responds differently to the medications. Inform your doctor or pharmacist should these side effects become too bothersome.

- Abdominal pain
- Diarrhoea
- Dizziness
- Headache
- Nausea, vomiting or loss of appetite
- Sleep disturbances
- Tiredness

For urgent medical attention

Consult your doctor as soon as possible if you have any of the following symptoms:

- Allergic reaction: skin rash or itch, difficulty in breathing, chest tightness, or swelling of the face, lips or other parts of the body
- Severe pain in the stomach
- Feeling faint
- Slow or irregular heartbeat

If you have any concerns about your medication, please consult your doctor or pharmacist.