



# Instructions for use of Imipramine

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## **What is Imipramine?**

The brand name for imipramine is Trofranil®. This medication is used to treat urinary urgency and incontinence. It is often prescribed along with other medications that help relax the bladder muscle. Imipramine is also prescribed to treat other problems such as depression and neuropathic pain. However, the dose of imipramine used to treat depression and neuropathic pain is different than the dose given to treat urinary problems.

## **How do I take Imipramine?**

The usual dose of imipramine when used to treat urinary problems is 10-25mg given 2-3 times a day. Take this medication exactly as it is prescribed for you. Do not take the medication in larger amounts. If you miss a dose, take the missed dose as soon as you remember. However, if it is close to the time of your next dose, do not take the skipped dose. Do not take a double dose. Your doctor may occasionally change your dose to make sure you get the best results from this medication. It may take several weeks to notice a difference. Follow the directions on your prescription label.

## **What are the side effects that could occur?**

Some of the side effects are as follows:

- nausea, vomiting, constipation or diarrhea
- dry mouth
- weakness, feeling drowsy or fatigued
- feeling dizzy

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- blurred vision
- eyes may be sensitive to light
- feeling sweaty
- chest pain, irregular heart beat
- feeling of restlessness

If you experience any of the above side effects, you should stop taking the medication and call your doctor or the urology nurse at the numbers provided below. Do not take this medication if you have a known allergy to it or if you are recovering from a heart attack. Be sure to tell your doctor all other medications you are currently taking. If you think you are pregnant or are breastfeeding, you should discuss the use of this medication with your provider before you use it.

### **Contact Information**

If you have any questions about this medication, please contact the University of Michigan, Department of Urology at 734-936-7030 during business hours (8:00 am - 5:00 pm). After business hours and on weekends, please call 734-936-6267 and ask to speak with the Urology Resident on call. If you need to see a doctor right away please go to the nearest Emergency Room (ER). Have the ER doctor contact the University of Michigan urology resident on call for assistance.

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