

Amerge (naratriptan) basics

Treats migraine headaches. Amerge (naratriptan) isn't as good as other similar medications for migraines, but can be good if other drugs haven't worked for you.

What to expect when starting

Here's when people typically experience benefits as well as some possible side effects. Your experience may be different.

	Hours	Days	Weeks	Months	Long term
Amerge (naratriptan) Drug effectiveness					
Possible side effects†					
Heart attack and stroke					
Medication overuse headache					
Serotonin syndrome					
Increased blood pressure					

† Data on frequency of side effects is not available.

Tips from pharmacists

- Amerge (naratriptan) can only treat a migraine that's already happening. Amerge (naratriptan) doesn't prevent migraines.
- Take Amerge (naratriptan) at the first sign of a migraine. You can take another dose if you don't feel better after 4 hours. Don't take more than two doses every 24 hours.
- Amerge (naratriptan) can make you feel dizzy or tired when you first start taking it. Don't drive or do anything that requires concentration until you know how your body reacts to it.
- If you finish the entire month's supply of Amerge (naratriptan) before it's time for your next refill, or if you have more than 4 migraines a month, talk to your doctor to see if you should try something else.
- Amerge (naratriptan) can cause nausea or tightness in the chest or throat. Talk to your doctor if it bothers you.

Risks and warnings

Contact your doctor if you experience any of these.

Heart attack

People who have heart disease or chest pain shouldn't take Amerge (naratriptan) since heart attacks have been seen in people who have had heart disease and migraines. This can feel like pain in the chest, jaw, neck or throat. Talk to your doctor first to see if you can take Amerge (naratriptan).

Stroke

Don't take Amerge (naratriptan) if you've had a stroke before. Symptoms of a stroke can be similar to a migraine, so talk to your doctor, especially if you've never had a migraine.

Medication overuse headache

Taking Amerge (naratriptan) for more than 10 days a month can make your migraines worse. Talk to your doctor if you find it's not working for you.