

Relpax (eletriptan) basics

Treats migraine headaches. Relpax (eletriptan) is a first choice medicine to treat migraines, but it can be expensive.

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
Relpax (eletriptan) Drug effectiveness					
Possible side effects†					
Heart attack or stroke					
Medication overuse headache					
Serotonin syndrome					
Higher blood pressure					

† Data on frequency of side effects is not available.

Tips from pharmacists

- Relpax (eletriptan) can only treat a migraine that's already happening. Relpax (eletriptan) doesn't prevent migraines from starting.
- Take Relpax (eletriptan) at the first sign of a migraine. You can take another dose if you don't feel better after 2 hours. Don't take more than 80 mg every 24 hours.
- Relpax (eletriptan) 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 find you're using the entire month's supply of Relpax (eletriptan) before your next refill, talk to your doctor to see if you should try something else.
- Relpax (eletriptan) 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 and rhythm problems

People who have heart disease, such as problems with their heart rhythm, or chest pain shouldn't take Relpax (eletriptan) because it can cause heart attacks or make the rhythm problems worse. This can be life threatening. Talk to your doctor first to see if you can safely take Relpax (eletriptan).

Stroke

Don't take Relpax (eletriptan) 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 Relpax (eletriptan) 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.