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Generic name: zolmitriptan (oral) [*ZOLE-mi-TRIP-tan*]**Brand name:** [Zomig](#)**Dosage forms:** oral tablet (2.5 mg; 5 mg), oral tablet, disintegrating (2.5 mg; 5 mg)**Drug class:** [Antimigraine agents](#)[Medically reviewed](#) by Drugs.com on Sep 6, 2023. Written by [Cerner Multum](#).[Uses](#) [Side effects](#) [Warnings](#) [Before taking](#) [Dosage](#) [Interactions](#) [FAQ](#)

What is zolmitriptan?

Zolmitriptan is a headache medicine that narrows blood vessels around the brain. Zolmitriptan also reduces substances in the body that can trigger headache pain, nausea, sensitivity to light and sound, and other migraine symptoms.

Zolmitriptan is used to treat migraine headaches in adults.

Zolmitriptan **will only treat** a headache that has already begun. It **will not prevent** headaches or reduce the number of attacks.

Zolmitriptan should not be used to treat a common [tension headache](#), a headache that causes loss of movement on one side of your body, or any headache that seems to be different from your usual migraine headaches. **Use this medication only if your condition has been confirmed by a doctor as migraine headaches.**

Zolmitriptan may also be used for purposes not listed in this medication guide.

Zolmitriptan side effects

Get emergency medical help if you have **signs of an allergic reaction:** hives; difficulty breathing; swelling of your face, lips, tongue, or throat.

Zolmitriptan may cause serious side effects. Stop using zolmitriptan and call your doctor at once if you have:

- feeling of tightness in your jaw, neck, throat, or chest;
- fast or pounding heartbeats, dizziness;
- sudden and severe stomach pain and bloody diarrhea;
- **heart attack symptoms**--chest pain or pressure, pain spreading to your jaw or shoulder, nausea, sweating; or
- **high levels of serotonin in the body**--agitation, hallucinations, fever, [fast heart rate](#), overactive reflexes, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, loss of coordination, fainting.

Common side effects of zolmitriptan may include:

- pain or tightness in your throat or chest;
- dry mouth, [upset stomach](#);
- pressure or heavy feeling anywhere in your body;
- drowsiness, feeling tired; or
- flushing (warmth, redness, or tingly feeling).

This is not a complete list of side effects and others may occur. Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

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You should not use zolmitriptan if you have uncontrolled [high blood pressure](#), heart problems, certain heart rhythm disorders, a history of heart attack or stroke, or circulation problems that cause a lack of blood supply within the body.

Do not use this medicine if you have used an MAO inhibitor in the past 14 days, such as [isocarboxazid](#), linezolid, [methylene blue](#) injection, phenelzine, rasagiline, selegiline, or [tranylcypromine](#).

Do not use zolmitriptan within 24 hours before or after using another migraine headache medicine.

Before taking this medicine

You should not use zolmitriptan if you are allergic to it, or if you have:

- [coronary heart disease](#), angina (chest pain), blood circulation problems, lack of blood supply to the heart;
- a history of [heart disease](#), heart attack, or stroke, including "mini-stroke";
- Wolff-Parkinson-White syndrome;
- severe or uncontrolled high blood pressure;
- a blood vessel disorder or circulation problems that cause a lack of blood supply within the body; or
- a headache that seems different from your usual migraines.

Do not use zolmitriptan if you have used an MAO inhibitor in the past 14 days. A dangerous [drug interaction](#) could occur. MAO inhibitors include isocarboxazid, linezolid, methylene blue injection, phenelzine, rasagiline, selegiline, tranylcypromine, and others.

To make sure zolmitriptan is safe for you, tell your doctor if you have:

- heart disease, high blood pressure, or a heart rhythm disorder;
- epilepsy or seizures;
- liver or kidney disease;
- a condition for which you take cimetidine (Tagamet); or
- coronary heart disease (or risk factors such as diabetes, menopause, smoking, being overweight, having [high](#)

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Zolmitriptan disintegrating tablets may contain phenylalanine. Talk to your doctor before using this form of zolmitriptan if you have [phenylketonuria](#) (PKU).

It is not known whether this medicine will harm an unborn baby. Tell your doctor if you are pregnant or plan to become pregnant.

It is not known whether zolmitriptan passes into breast milk or if it could harm a nursing baby. Tell your doctor if you are breast-feeding a baby.

Zolmitriptan is not approved for use by anyone younger than 18 years old.

How should I take zolmitriptan?

Follow all directions on your prescription label. Your doctor may occasionally change your dose to make sure you get the best results. Do not use zolmitriptan in larger or smaller amounts or for longer than recommended.

Use zolmitriptan as soon as you notice migraine symptoms.

Take the **regular tablet** whole with a full glass of water.

To take the **orally disintegrating tablet** (Zomig-ZMT):

- Keep the tablet in its blister pack until you are ready to take it. Open the package and peel back the foil. Do not push a tablet through the foil or you may damage the tablet.
- Use dry hands to remove the tablet and place it in your mouth.
- Do not swallow the tablet whole. Allow it to dissolve in your mouth without chewing. If desired, you may drink liquid to help swallow the dissolved tablet.

After taking a tablet: If your headache does not completely go away, or goes away and comes back, take a second tablet 2 hours after the first. **Do not take more than 10 mg of zolmitriptan in 24 hours.** If your symptoms have not improved, contact your doctor before taking any more tablets.

Call your doctor if your headache does not go away at all after taking the first zolmitriptan tablet.

Never use more than your recommended dose. Overuse of [migraine headache](#) medicine can make headaches worse.

Contact your doctor if you have more than four headaches in one month (30 days). **Tell your doctor if this medicine seems to stop working as well in treating your migraine attacks.**

Zolmitriptan can raise blood pressure to dangerous levels. Your blood pressure may need to be checked often while you are using this medicine. Your heart function may need to be checked using an electrocardiograph or ECG (sometimes called an EKG).

Store at room temperature away from moisture, heat, and light.

 [Detailed Zolmitriptan dosage information](#)

What happens if I miss a dose?

Since zolmitriptan is used as needed, it does not have a daily dosing schedule. **Call your doctor promptly if your symptoms do not improve after using zolmitriptan.**

What happens if I overdose?

Seek emergency medical attention or call the Poison Help line at 1-800-222-1222.

What should I avoid while taking zolmitriptan?

Do not take zolmitriptan within 24 hours before or after using another migraine headache medicine, including:

- zolmitriptan nasal spray, almotriptan, eletriptan, [frovatriptan](#), naratriptan, rizatriptan, or sumatriptan; or
- ergot medicine--[dihydroergotamine](#), ergotamine, ergonovine, [methylergonovine](#).

Zolmitriptan may impair your thinking or reactions. Be careful if you drive or do anything that requires you to be alert.

What other drugs will affect zolmitriptan?

Using zolmitriptan while you are using certain other medicines can cause **high levels of serotonin to build up in your body, a condition called "serotonin syndrome,"** which can be fatal. Tell your doctor if you also use:

- medicine to treat depression;
- medicine to treat a psychiatric disorder;
- a narcotic (opioid) medication; or
- medicine to prevent nausea and vomiting.

This list is not complete. Other drugs may interact with zolmitriptan, including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, and [herbal products](#). Not all possible interactions are listed in this medication guide.

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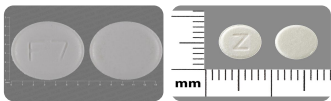
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