



[Home](#)

2. Almotriptan

Almotriptan

Generic name: almotriptan [*AL-moe-TRIP-tan*]

Brand name: [Axert](#)

Dosage form: oral tablet (12.5 mg; 6.25 mg)

Drug class: [Antimigraine agents](#)



[Medically reviewed](#) by Drugs.com on Aug 14, 2023. Written by [Cerner Multum](#).

[Uses](#) [Side effects](#) [Warnings](#) [Before taking](#) [Dosage](#) [Interactions](#)

What is almotriptan?

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

Almotriptan is used to treat migraine headaches in adults and in adolescents who are at least 12 years old. Almotriptan **will only treat** a headache that has already begun. It **will not prevent** headaches or reduce the number of attacks.

Almotriptan 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 almotriptan only if your condition has been confirmed by a doctor as migraine headaches.**

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

Almotriptan side effects

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

Stop using almotriptan and get emergency medical help if you have heart attack symptoms: chest pain or pressure, pain spreading to your jaw or shoulder, nausea, sweating, and feeling light-headed.

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

- numbness or tingling and a pale or blue-colored appearance in your fingers or toes;
- **blood circulation problems**--weakness or heavy feeling in your legs, burning pain in your feet, leg cramps, hip pain, numbness or tingling in your legs;
- **high levels of serotonin in the body**--agitation, hallucinations, fever, [fast heart rate](#), overactive reflexes, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, loss of coordination, fainting; or
- **stomach or intestinal problems**--severe stomach pain (especially after eating), fever, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea,

[constipation](#), bloody or tarry stools.

Common side effects of almotriptan may include:

- dry mouth;
- nausea, vomiting;
- numbness, tingling, or burning sensation;
- dizziness, drowsiness; or
- mild headache (not a migraine).

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.

 [Almotriptan side effects](#) (more detail)

Related/similar drugs

Celebrex

Celebrex is a nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug used to treat pain or inflammation. Learn about ...

Reviews & ratings

7.0 / 10

[226 Reviews](#)

[View more](#)

Botox

Botox is used to treat chronic migraines, excessive sweating, bladder conditions, eye muscle ...

Reviews & ratings

5.7 / 10

[473 Reviews](#)

[View more](#)

FEATURED

Nurtec ODT

Nurtec ODT (rimegepant) is used to treat acute migraines and prevent episodic migraines, by ...

Reviews & ratings

6.3 / 10

[320 Reviews](#)

[View more](#)

Qulipta

Qulipta is used to help prevent episodic or chronic migraine headaches in adults. Qulipta is an ...

Reviews & ratings

8.1 / 10

[174 Reviews](#)

[View more](#)

Metoclopramide

Metoclopramide is used short-term to treat heartburn caused by gastroesophageal reflux. Learn about ...

Reviews & ratings

3.9 / 10

[517 Reviews](#)

[View more](#)

Celecoxib

Celecoxib is a nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID) used to treat pain or inflammation ...

Reviews & ratings

7.0 / 10

[280 Reviews](#)

[View more](#)

Diclofenac

Diclofenac is a nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug used to treat pain and inflammation associated ...

Reviews & ratings

7.3 / 10

[695 Reviews](#)

[View more](#)

Propranolol

Propranolol is a beta-blocker that is used to treat tremors, chest pain, high blood pressure, heart ...

Reviews & ratings

8.2 / 10

[1,376 Reviews](#)

[View more](#)

Warnings

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

Do not take almotriptan within 24 hours before or after using another migraine headache medicine.

Stop using almotriptan and get emergency medical help if you have: chest pain or pressure, pain spreading to your jaw or shoulder, nausea, sweating, and a light-headed feeling.

Before taking this medicine

You should not take almotriptan if you are allergic to it, or if you have:

- severe or uncontrolled high blood pressure;
- past or present heart problems;
- history of [coronary artery disease](#), angina, (chest pain), heart attack, or stroke, including "mini-stroke";
- 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 migraine headaches.

To make sure almotriptan is safe for you, tell your doctor if you have ever had:

- a sulfa drug allergy;
- liver or kidney disease;
- kidney disease;
- high blood pressure, a heart rhythm disorder; or
- risk factors for coronary artery disease (such as diabetes, menopause, smoking, being overweight, having high blood pressure or [high cholesterol](#), having a family history of [heart disease](#), or being older than 40 and a man).

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 almotriptan passes into breast milk or if it could harm a nursing baby. Tell your doctor if you are breast-feeding a baby.

Do not give this medicine to anyone under 12 years old.

How should I take almotriptan?

Your doctor may want to give your first dose of almotriptan in a hospital or clinic setting to quickly treat any serious side effects that occur.

Follow all directions on your prescription label. Do not take this medicine in larger or smaller amounts or for longer than recommended.

Take almotriptan as soon as you notice migraine symptoms.

After taking a tablet: If your headache goes away and comes back, take a second tablet 2 hours after the first. **Do not take more than 2 tablets of almotriptan tablets 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 almotriptan 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.**

If you use almotriptan long-term, your heart function may need to be checked using an electrocardiograph or ECG (sometimes called an EKG). This will help your doctor determine if it is still safe for you to take almotriptan.

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

Almotriptan dosing information

Usual Adult Dose for Migraine:

Initial dose: 6.25 mg or 12.5 mg orally as a single dose

Repeat dose: If headache is relieved, but returns, may repeat with 1 dose orally provided there is a minimum interval of 2 hours between doses.

Maximum daily dose: 25 mg

Comments:

- The safety of treating an average of more than 4 migraines per month has not been established.
- The 12.5 mg dose tends to be more effective in adults, however as individuals may vary in their response, the dose should be individualized.
- The effectiveness of a second dose has not been established in clinical trials.

Use: For the acute treatment of migraine attacks in patients with a history of migraine with or without aura.

Usual Pediatric Dose for Migraine:

Adolescents (12 to 17 years):

Initial dose: 6.25 mg or 12.5 mg orally as a single dose

Repeat dose: If headache is relieved, but returns, may repeat 1 dose orally provided there is a minimum interval of 2 hours between doses.

Maximum daily dose: 25 mg

Comments:

-The safety of treating an average of more than 4 migraines per month has not been established.

-Individuals may vary in their response, the dose should be individualized.

-The efficacy in adolescents on migraine-associated symptoms (nausea, photophobia, and phonophobia) and the effectiveness of a second dose have not been established in clinical trials.

Use: For the acute treatment of migraine headache pain in patients with a history of migraine attacks with or without aura usually lasting 4 hours or more when untreated.

 [Detailed Almotriptan dosage information](#)

What happens if I miss a dose?

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

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 using almotriptan?

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

- medicines like almotriptan--eletriptan, [frovatriptan](#), naratriptan, rizatriptan, sumatriptan, [zolmitriptan](#), and others; or
- ergot medicine--[dihydroergotamine](#), ergotamine, ergonovine, [methylergonovine](#).

Almotriptan 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 almotriptan?

Taking almotriptan 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.

Tell your doctor about all medicines you have used within the past 14 days, and all medicines you start or stop using during your treatment with almotriptan, especially:

- ritonavir;
- **antifungal medicine**--[itraconazole](#), [ketoconazole](#); or
- **an MAO inhibitor**--[isocarboxazid](#), linezolid, [methylene blue](#) injection, phenelzine, rasagiline, selegiline, [tranlycypromine](#), and others.

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

 [Almotriptan drug interactions](#) (more detail)

Does almotriptan interact with my other drugs?

Enter medications to view a detailed interaction report using our [Drug Interaction Checker](#).

+

Add

More about almotriptan

- [Check interactions](#)
- [Compare alternatives](#)
- [Pricing & coupons](#)
- [Reviews \(34\)](#)
- [Drug images](#)
- [Side effects](#)
- [Dosage information](#)
- [During pregnancy](#)
- [Drug class: antimigraine agents](#)
- [Breastfeeding](#)
- [En español](#)

Patient resources

- [Almotriptan advanced reading](#)

Other brands

[Axert](#)

Professional resources

- [Almotriptan monograph](#)
- [Almotriptan \(FDA\)](#)

Other brands

[Axert](#)

Related treatment guides

- [Migraine](#)

Further information

Remember, keep this and all other medicines out of the reach of children, never share your medicines with others, and use this medication only for the indication prescribed.

Always consult your healthcare provider to ensure the information displayed on this page applies to your personal circumstances.

[Medical Disclaimer](#)

Copyright 1996-2025 Cerner Multum, Inc. Version: 14.01.

DRUG STATUS

Availability	
Rx	Prescription only
Pregnancy & Lactation	
	Risk data available
CSA Schedule*	
N/A	Not a controlled drug
Approval History	
	Drug history at FDA

User Reviews & Ratings

9.0 / 10

[34 Reviews](#)

Related News

[Combination Therapy Recommended For Migraines](#)

Images

Almotriptan Malate 6.25 mg (A1)



[View larger images](#)

Drugs.com Mobile App

Access drug & treatment information, identify pills, check interactions and set up personal medication records.



About

[About Drugs.com](#)

[Advertising policy](#)

[Attribution & citations](#)

Terms & privacy

[Terms of use](#)

[Editorial policy](#)

[Privacy policy](#)

Support

[Help center](#)

[Sitemap](#)

[Contact us](#)



[Subscribe to our newsletter](#) for the latest medication news, new drug approvals and FDA alerts.

Drugs.com provides accurate and independent information on more than 24,000 prescription drugs, over-the-counter medicines and natural products. This material is provided for educational purposes only and is not intended for medical advice, diagnosis or treatment. Data sources include Micromedex (updated 7 Apr 2025), Cerner Multum™ (updated 13 Apr 2025), ASHP (updated 10 Apr 2025) and others.



Ad Choices

ADVERTISEMENT

Copyright © 2000-2025 Drugs.com. All rights reserved.

