

Intuniv and your child

**Information for parents
and carers of children and
adolescents who have been
prescribed INTUNIV[®]**

This information does not replace the Patient Information Leaflet (PIL) contained in the INTUNIV[®] pack provided by your pharmacist. Please read the PIL before your child starts their medicine. Speak to your child's doctor or nurse if you would like any further information.

This medicine is subject to additional monitoring. This will allow quick identification of new safety information. You can help by reporting any side effects your child may get. If your child gets any side effects, talk to their doctor, pharmacist or nurse. This includes any possible side effects not listed in the package leaflet. You can also report side effects directly via the Yellow Card Scheme at: www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard or search for MHRA Yellow Card in the Google Play or Apple App Store.

By reporting side effects you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.



Introduction



Your child has been prescribed Intuniv® (guanfacine) prolonged-release.

This booklet tells you:



- What INTUNIV® is
- How to take it
- What to expect when taking it
- How it could help control the symptoms of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD)



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What is INTUNIV®?

INTUNIV® is a prescription, non-stimulant medicine for ADHD in children and adolescents for whom current stimulant medication is not appropriate, and/or does not adequately control ADHD symptoms.

INTUNIV® contains a medicine called guanfacine, which belongs to a group of medicines that affect brain activity.

INTUNIV® can help:



- improve attention -



- improve concentration -



- reduce impulsiveness -
and hyperactivity

It is given as part of a comprehensive treatment programme, which usually includes psychological, educational and social therapy.

How should it be taken?

Treatment will begin under the supervision of an appropriate specialist in childhood and/or adolescent behavioural disorders. INTUNIV® is available in four different tablets (1 mg, 2 mg, 3 mg and 4 mg). Your child's doctor will start them on 1 mg each day. They may increase the dose depending on your child's age and bodyweight, and on how well INTUNIV® is working for your child (the daily dose will be between 1 mg and 7 mg). INTUNIV® should always be taken exactly as described by your child's doctor. Always double-check anything you are unsure about with your child's doctor or pharmacist.

Once daily

Your child needs to take Intuniv® once every day



Flexible

Intuniv® can be taken in the morning or evening

Your child should swallow the tablet(s) whole with a drink of water or other liquid (but not grapefruit juice)

Your child can take the tablet(s) with or without food, but must not take it with fatty foods (e.g. a high fat breakfast)

Do not let your child break, crush or chew the tablet as this will affect how the tablet works. Tell your child's doctor if your child cannot swallow the tablet whole.

What if my child misses a dose?

If your child misses a dose of INTUNIV®, wait until the next day and get them to take their usual dose:

- If they have missed two or more doses, talk to their doctor, as they may need to restart INTUNIV® with a lower dose
- Do not give your child a double dose to make up for a forgotten dose

What if it doesn't work?

You may not notice an immediate effect on your child upon starting treatment. Some patients don't show an improvement until after the first week, but it could take even longer.

Do not stop your child taking INTUNIV® without first talking to their doctor. To stop the medicine, your child's doctor will slowly reduce the INTUNIV® dose to minimise any side effects.

What if my child takes too much?

If your child takes more INTUNIV® than they should, talk to a doctor or go to a hospital straight away. Take the medicine pack with you and tell them how much they have taken.

The following effects may occur:

low or high blood pressure,
slow heart rate, slow breathing rate,
feeling tired or exhausted.



Are there any side effects?

Like all medicines, INTUNIV® can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them. If you are worried, speak to your child's doctor.

The most common ones are feeling sleepy (somnolence), feeling tired (fatigue), headache and tummy pain (abdominal pain).

If your child feels unwell in any way while taking this medicine, please tell their doctor straight away.

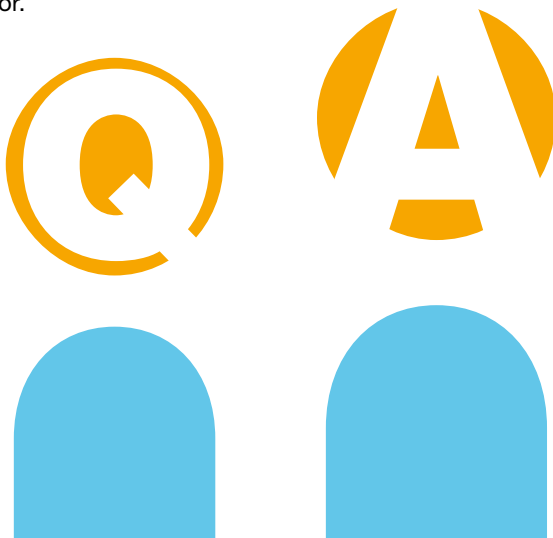
Is it safe to take with other medicines?

Tell their doctor or pharmacist if your child is taking, has recently taken or might take any other medicines. This is because INTUNIV® and some other medicines can affect each other.

Will my child have to take it forever?

If your child needs to take INTUNIV® for more than a year, their doctor will monitor their response to treatment and may stop the medicine for a short time. It will show if they need to keep taking their medicine. This may be done during a school holiday to minimise disruption.

However, do not stop your child's treatment without first talking to their doctor.



Notes:

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Further information

If you have any questions or queries about this medicine, speak to your doctor or pharmacist.

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