

How to Use Sumatriptan Injection
 Provide patients instruction on the proper use of Sumatriptan injection if they are able to self-administer Sumatriptan injection in medically unsupervised situations.

Inform patients that the injection is intended to be given subcutaneously and intramuscular or intravascular delivery should be avoided. Instruct patients to use injection sites with an adequate skin and subcutaneous thickness to accommodate the length of the needle.

gaining relief at 10 or 15 minutes was significantly greater among patients receiving 6 mg of Sumatriptan injection compared with those who received placebo (see Table 4).

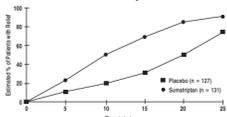
Table 4. Proportion of Patients with Cluster Headache Relief by Time in Studies 4 and 5

	Study 4		Study 5	
	Placebo (n = 39)	Sumatriptan Injection 6 mg (n = 39)	Placebo (n = 88)	Sumatriptan Injection 6 mg (n = 92)
Patients with pain relief (no/mild)				
5 Minutes post-injection	8%	21%	7%	23% ^a
10 Minutes post-injection	10%	49% ^a	25%	49% ^a
15 Minutes post-injection	26%	74% ^a	35%	75% ^a

^a P < 0.05.
 n = Number of headaches treated.

An estimate of the cumulative probability of a patient with a cluster headache obtaining relief after being treated with either Sumatriptan injection or placebo is presented in Figure 1.

Figure 1. Time to Relief of Cluster Headache from Time of Injection^a



^a The figure uses Kaplan-Meier (product limit) Survivorship Plot. Patients taking rescue medication were censored at 15 minutes.

The plot was constructed with data from patients who either experienced relief or did not require (request) rescue medication within a period of 2 hours following treatment. As a consequence, the data in the plot are derived from only a subset of the 258 headaches treated (rescue medication was required in 52 of the 127 placebo-treated headaches and 18 of the 131 headaches treated with Sumatriptan injection).

Other data suggest that treatment with Sumatriptan injection is not associated with an increase in early recurrence of headache and has little effect on the incidence of later-occurring headaches (i.e., those occurring after 2, but before 18 or 24 hours).

16 HOW SUPPLIED/STORAGE AND HANDLING

Sumatriptan injection, USP contains sumatriptan (base) as the succinate salt and is supplied as a clear, colorless to pale yellow, sterile, nonpyrogenic solution as follows:

Product No.	NDC No.	Strength
271301	NDC 63323-273-01	6 mg (sumatriptan) per 0.5 mL vial, packaged individually.

Store between 2° and 25°C (36° and 77°F). Protect from light.

The container closure is not made with natural rubber latex.

17 PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION

Advise the patient to read the FDA-approved patient labeling (Patient Information).

Risk of Myocardial Ischemia and/or Infarction, Prinzmetal's Angina, Other Vasospasm-Related Events, Arrhythmias, and Cerebrovascular Events

Inform patients that Sumatriptan injection may cause serious cardiovascular side effects such as myocardial infarction or stroke. Although serious cardiovascular events can occur without warning symptoms, patients should be alert for the signs and symptoms of chest pain, shortness of breath, irregular heartbeat, significant rise in blood pressure, weakness, and slurring of speech, and should ask for medical advice if any indicative sign or symptoms are observed. Advise patients of the importance of this follow-up [see Warnings and Precautions (5.1, 5.2, 5.4, 5.5, 5.8)].

Hypersensitivity Reactions
 Inform patients that anaphylactic reactions have occurred in patients receiving Sumatriptan injection. Such reactions can be life-threatening or fatal. In general, anaphylactic reactions to drugs are more likely to occur in individuals with a history of sensitivity to multiple allergens [see Contraindications (4), Warnings and Precautions (5.9)].

Concomitant Use with Other Triptans or Ergot Medications
 Inform patients that use of Sumatriptan injection within 24 hours of another triptan or an ergot-type medication (including dihydroergotamine or methysergide) is contraindicated [see Contraindications (4), Drug Interactions (7.1, 7.3)].

Serotonin Syndrome
 Caution patients about the risk of serotonin syndrome with the use of Sumatriptan injection or other triptans, particularly during combined use with SSRIs, SNRIs, TCAs, and MAO inhibitors [see Warnings and Precautions (5.7), Drug Interactions (7.4)].

Medication Overuse Headache
 Inform patients that use of acute migraine drugs for 10 or more days per month may lead to an exacerbation of headache and encourage patients to record headache frequency and drug use (e.g., by keeping a headache diary) [see Warnings and Precautions (5.6)].

Pregnancy
 Advise patients to notify their healthcare provider if they become pregnant during treatment or plan to become pregnant [see Use in Specific Populations (8.1)].

Lactation
 Advise patients to notify their healthcare provider if they are breastfeeding or plan to breastfeed [see Use in Specific Populations (8.2)].

Ability to Perform Complex Tasks
 Treatment with Sumatriptan injection may cause somnolence and dizziness; instruct patients to evaluate their ability to perform complex tasks after administration of Sumatriptan injection.



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What should I avoid while taking Sumatriptan injection?
 Sumatriptan injection can cause dizziness, weakness, or drowsiness. If you have these symptoms, do not drive a car, use machinery, or do anything where you need to be alert.

What are the possible side effects of Sumatriptan injection?
Sumatriptan injection may cause serious side effects. See "What is the most important information I should know about Sumatriptan Injection?"

These serious side effects include:

- changes in color or sensation in your fingers and toes (Raynaud's syndrome)
- stomach and intestinal problems (gastrointestinal and colonic ischemic events). Symptoms of gastrointestinal and colonic ischemic events include:
 - o sudden or severe stomach pain
 - o stomach pain after meals
 - o weight loss
 - o fever
 - o nausea or vomiting
 - o constipation or diarrhea

- problems with blood circulation to your legs and feet (peripheral vascular ischemia). Symptoms of peripheral vascular ischemia include:
 - o cramping and pain in your legs or hips
 - o feeling of heaviness or tightness in your leg muscles
 - o burning or aching pain in your feet or toes while resting
 - o numbness, tingling, or weakness in your legs
 - o cold feeling or color changes in 1 or both legs or feet.

- medication overuse headaches. Some people who use too many Sumatriptan injections may have worse headaches (medication overuse headache). If your headaches get worse, your healthcare provider may decide to stop your treatment with Sumatriptan injection.
- serotonin syndrome. Serotonin syndrome is a rare but serious problem that can happen especially if Sumatriptan injection is used with anti-depressant medicines called SSRIs or SNRIs.

Call your healthcare provider right away if you have any of the following symptoms of serotonin syndrome that are not there (hallucinations), agitation, or coma

- o fast heartbeat
- o changes in blood pressure
- o high body temperature
- o trouble walking
- o trouble talking
- o tongue, mouth or throat.

- seizures. Seizures have happened in people taking Sumatriptan injection who have never had seizures before. Talk with your healthcare provider about your chance of having seizures while you take Sumatriptan injection.
- The most common side effects of Sumatriptan injection include:
 - pain or redness at your injection site
 - tingling or numbness in your fingers or toes
 - dizziness
 - warm, hot, burning feeling to your face (flushing)
 - discomfort or stiffness in your neck
 - feeling weak, drowsy, or tired
- Tell your healthcare provider if you have any side effect that bothers you or that does not go away.
- These are not all the possible side effects of Sumatriptan injection.

Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

How should I store Sumatriptan injection?

- Store between 2°C and 25°C (36°F and 77°F).
- Protect from light.
- Keep your medicine in the packaging.

Keep Sumatriptan injection and all medicines out of the reach of children.

General information about the safe and effective use of Sumatriptan injection

Medicines are sometimes prescribed for purposes other than those listed in Patient Information leaflets. Do not use Sumatriptan injection for a condition for which it was not prescribed. Do not give Sumatriptan injection to other people, even if they have the same symptoms you have. It may harm them.

This Patient Information leaflet summarizes the most important information about Sumatriptan injection. If you would like more information, talk with your healthcare provider. You can ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist for information about Sumatriptan injection that is written for healthcare professionals.

What are the ingredients in Sumatriptan injection?

Active ingredient: sumatriptan succinate
 Inactive ingredients: sodium chloride, water for injection

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