### FOR DIABETIC GASTROPARESIS

# How you take your medication makes a difference

## **Challenges of oral medication**



For most pills to work, the medication must first pass through your stomach, small intestine, and liver before it can enter the bloodstream.



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Nausea and vomiting may make it difficult to take pills and keep them down, preventing complete absorption.



When your stomach isn't working properly, pills may sit in the stomach for hours and possibly build up across several meals and doses.

Unpredictable stomach

absorption of medication in the small intestine. It may

also cause the stomach to

release multiple doses into

the small intestine, increasing

emptying may delay



the risk of side effects.

When medication isn't absorbed into the bloodstream, symptoms

may not be relieved.

## **Advantages of nasal medication**



When you use a nasal spray, the medication gets absorbed through your nose to directly reach the bloodstream, even if you're vomiting or feeling nauseated.



When medication reaches the bloodstream, it can begin to relieve symptoms.



Diabetes causes
gastroparesis by
damaging the key
nerve that controls
the movement of
food and pills through
the digestive tract,
possibly delaying their
absorption by the body.





#### INDICATION AND IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

## What is Gimoti® (metoclopramide) nasal spray?

GIMOTI is a prescription medicine used 30 minutes before meals and at bedtime for 2 to 8 weeks to relieve symptoms of slow stomach emptying in adults with diabetes. Avoid treatment with metoclopramide (all dosage forms and routes of administration) for longer than 12 weeks.

GIMOTI is not recommended for use in children under age 18.

#### Important facts about GIMOTI

This is a summary of important information you need to know about GIMOTI. This information does not take the place of talking with your healthcare professional about your medical condition or your treatment.

## What is the most important information I should know about GIMOTI?

GIMOTI can cause serious side effects, including: TARDIVE DYSKINESIA:
Abnormal muscle movements, mostly of the face or tongue muscles. You cannot control these movements, and they may not go away even after stopping GIMOTI. Your chances of getting tardive dyskinesia increase

- The longer you take metoclopramide and the more metoclopramide you take. You should not take GIMOTI for more than 8 weeks at a time, and you should not take products containing metoclopramide (including GIMOTI) for more than 12 weeks at a time.
- If you are older, especially if you are an older woman (eg, age 65 years and older)
- If you have diabetes

Call your healthcare professional right away if you get movements you cannot stop or control, such as lip smacking, chewing, or puckering up your mouth; frowning or scowling; sticking out your tongue; blinking and moving your eyes; shaking of your arms and legs.

#### Do not use GIMOTI if you

- Have a history of tardive dyskinesia or have a problem controlling your muscles and movements after taking GIMOTI or a medicine that works like GIMOTI
- Have stomach or intestinal problems that could get worse with GIMOTI, such as bleeding, blockage, or a tear in the stomach or bowel wall
- Have a type of tumor that can cause high blood pressure, such as pheochromocytoma
- Have epilepsy (seizures)
- Are allergic to metoclopramide. Stop taking GIMOTI right away and get emergency help if you have any of these symptoms:
  - swelling of your tongue, throat, lips, eyes, or face

- trouble swallowing or breathing
- skin rash, hives, sores in your mouth, or skin blisters

**Before starting GIMOTI**, tell your healthcare professional about all your medical conditions, especially if you have

- Problems controlling your muscle movements after taking any medicine
- Parkinson's disease
- Pheochromocytoma
- Kidney or liver disease
- Depression or mental illness
- High blood pressure

Also tell your healthcare professional if you are pregnant or plan to become pregnant, are breastfeeding or plan to breastfeed, or drink alcohol. Tell your healthcare professional about all the medicines you take, including prescription drugs and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements.

Speak with your healthcare professional before you start or stop any other medicines.

## Especially tell your healthcare professional if you take

- Another medicine that contains metoclopramide, such as REGLAN® tablets
- · Medicine for Parkinson's disease
- Blood pressure medicine
- Medicine for depression, especially a monoamine oxidase inhibitor (MAOI)
- Antipsychotic medicine used to treat mental illness, such as schizophrenia
- Insulin
- Medicines that can make you sleepy, such as anxiety medicines, sleep medicines, and narcotics

## What should I avoid while taking GIMOTI?

- Do not drink alcohol while taking GIMOTI
- GIMOTI may cause sleepiness or dizziness. Do not drive, operate machinery, or do potentially dangerous activities until you know how GIMOTI affects you

## What are other possible side effects of GIMOTI?

- Other changes in muscle control and movement, such as:
  - uncontrolled spasms of your face and neck muscles, or muscles of your body, arms, and legs (dystonia)
  - parkinsonism slight shaking, body stiffness, and trouble moving or keeping your balance
  - being unable to sit still or feeling that you need to move your hands, feet, or body (akathisia)
- Neuroleptic Malignant Syndrome (NMS) – a very rare but very serious condition. NMS can lead to death and

- must be treated in a hospital
- Depression, thoughts about suicide, and suicide
- High blood pressure
- Too much body water
- Increased prolactin

# Call your healthcare professional and get medical help right away if you

- Feel depressed or have thoughts about hurting or killing yourself
- Have high fever, stiff muscles, problems thinking, very fast or uneven heartbeat, and/or increased sweating
- Have muscle movements that you cannot stop or control
- Have muscle movements that are new or unusual

## The most common side effects of GIMOTI include

- Unpleasant taste after dosing
- Headache
- Tiredness

These are not all the possible side effects of GIMOTI. Ask your healthcare professional for medical advice about side effects.

You may report side effects related to Evoke Pharma products by calling 1-833-4-GIMOTI (1-833-444-6684) or emailing GIMOTImedinfo@ evokepharma.com. If you prefer to report these to the FDA, either visit www.FDA.gov/medwatch or call 1-800-FDA-1088.

This information should not take the place of you talking with your doctor or healthcare professional. If you have any questions about your condition, or if you would like more information about GIMOTI, talk to your doctor or pharmacist. Only you and your healthcare professional can decide if GIMOTI is right for you.

# Please see accompanying Prescribing Information, including Boxed Warning, Medication Guide, and Instructions for Use located in the inside pocket.

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