

## Fingolimod Sandoz®

Active ingredient(s): fingolimod hydrochloride

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### Consumer Medicine Information

**This leaflet provides important information about using Fingolimod Sandoz.** You should also speak to your doctor or pharmacist if you would like further information or if you have any concerns or questions about using Fingolimod Sandoz.

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#### 1. Why am I using Fingolimod Sandoz?

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**Fingolimod Sandoz contains the active ingredient fingolimod.** Fingolimod Sandoz belongs to a group of medicines known as sphingosine 1-phosphate (S1-P) receptor modulators.

**Fingolimod Sandoz is used to treat adults, children and adolescents (10 years of age and above) with relapsing forms of multiple sclerosis (MS).**

This medicine can alter the way the body's immune system works and slows the progression of physical disability and decreases the number of flare-ups (relapses) in patients with relapsing MS.

MS is a long-term condition that affects the central nervous system (CNS), particularly how the brain and spinal cord work. In MS, inflammation destroys the protective cover around the nerves (called myelin) and stops the nerves from working properly.

The cause of MS is unknown, but it is thought that an abnormal response by the body's immune system plays an important part in the process which damages the CNS.

Fingolimod Sandoz helps to fight against attacks on myelin by the immune system and by stopping the cells that cause inflammation from reaching the brain. This reduces nerve damage caused by MS.

Fingolimod Sandoz may also have a direct and beneficial effect on certain brain cells (neural cells) involved in repairing or slowing down the damage of MS.

**Ask your doctor if you have any questions about how Fingolimod Sandoz works or why this medicine has been prescribed for you or your child.**