

TRAZENT

Active ingredient(s): dimethyl fumarate

Consumer Medicine Information

This leaflet provides important information about using TRAZENT. **You should also speak to your doctor or pharmacist or the MS Society in your State, or by telephoning the MS Alliance on 1800 852 289 in Australia or 0800 852 289 if you would like further information or if you have any concerns or questions about using TRAZENT.**

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1. Why am I taking TRAZENT?

TRAZENT contains the active ingredient dimethyl fumarate.

TRAZENT is used to treat relapsing multiple sclerosis (MS).

TRAZENT slows down the progression of physical disability in people with relapsing forms of MS and decreases the number of flare ups (relapses).

Some people feel better when they start to take TRAZENT. However, TRAZENT cannot repair damage that has already been caused by MS. When you start TRAZENT you might not notice an improvement, but TRAZENT may still be working to help prevent your MS from becoming worse.

The cause of MS is not yet known, MS affects the brain and spinal cord. In MS, the body's immune system reacts against its own myelin (the 'insulation' surrounding nerve fibres). In relapsing forms of MS, people have 'exacerbations' from time to time (e.g. blurred vision, weakness in the legs or arms, or loss of control of bowel or bladder function). They are followed by periods of recovery.

Recovery may be complete or incomplete. If it is incomplete there is 'progression of disability'.

Dimethyl fumarate decreases the inflammation in your brain that is caused by MS and thereby reduces nerve damage.

TRAZENT works by reducing inflammatory responses in cells and helps to protect the central nervous system cells against attack.

Inflammation of the brain is an important part of the MS disease process.

Ask your doctor if you have any questions about why this medicine has been prescribed for you.

Your doctor may have prescribed it for another reason.

TRAZENT has not been studied in patients with chronic progressive MS.

Safety and effectiveness in children younger than 18 years have not been established.

This medicine is not addictive.