

## Fintepla®

Active ingredient(s): fenfluramine

### Consumer Medicine Information

#### **WARNING: VALVULAR HEART DISEASE AND PULMONARY ARTERIAL HYPERTENSION**

- There is an association between some serotonergic drugs including fenfluramine (the active ingredient in Fintepla), and problems with the valves in the heart (valvular heart disease) and high blood pressure in the arteries of the lungs (pulmonary arterial hypertension).
- Echocardiogram assessments are required before, during and after treatment with Fintepla.

This leaflet provides important information about using Fintepla®. **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 Fintepla®.**

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#### 1. Why am I using Fintepla®

**Fintepla® contains the active ingredient fenfluramine.** Fenfluramine is thought to work by increasing the activity in the brain of a natural substance called serotonin and the sigma-1 receptor.

**Fintepla® is used to treat seizures (fits) in patients aged 2 years and older who have either a type of epilepsy called Dravet syndrome, or a type of epilepsy called Lennox-Gastaut syndrome. It can help to reduce the severity and the number of seizures.**

#### 2. What should I know before I use Fintepla® ?

##### *Warnings*

##### **Do not use Fintepla® if:**

- You or your child are allergic to fenfluramine or any of the other ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet.
- You or your child have problems with the valves in the heart (valvular heart disease) and high blood pressure in the arteries in the lungs (pulmonary arterial hypertension).