

# FINGOLIMOD-TEVA

Active ingredient(s): Fingolimod hydrochloride

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## Consumer Medicine Information

This leaflet provides important information about using FINGOLIMOD-TEVA. **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-TEVA.**

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## 1. Why am I using FINGOLIMOD-TEVA?

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**FINGOLIMOD-TEVA contains the active ingredient fingolimod hydrochloride.** FINGOLIMOD-TEVA belongs to a group of medicines known as sphingosine 1-phosphate (S1-P) receptor modulators. **FINGOLIMOD-TEVA can alter the way the body's immune system works and is used in adults, children and adolescents (10 years of age and above) to treat relapsing forms of multiple sclerosis (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.

This medicine slows down the progression of physical disability and decreases the number of flare-ups (relapses) in patients with relapsing MS.

FINGOLIMOD-TEVA helps to fight against attacks on myelin by the immune system by affecting the ability of some white blood cells to move freely within the body and by stopping the cells that cause inflammation from reaching the brain. This reduces nerve damage caused by MS.

FINGOLIMOD-TEVA 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-TEVA works or why this medicine has been prescribed for you or your child.