



This medicine is subject to additional monitoring. This will allow quick identification of new safety information. You can help by reporting any side effects you may get. You can report side effects to your doctor, or directly at [www.tga.gov.au/reporting-problems](http://www.tga.gov.au/reporting-problems).

# ONGENTYS

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## Consumer Medicine Information

This leaflet provides important information about using ONGENTYS. **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 ONGENTYS.**

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## 1. Why am I using ONGENTYS?

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This medicine is used to treat symptoms of Parkinson's disease and associated movement problems. Parkinson's disease is a progressive disease of the nervous system that causes shaking and affects your movement.

ONGENTYS is for use in adults who are already taking medicines containing levodopa and DOPA decarboxylase inhibitors. It increases the effects of levodopa and helps to relieve the symptoms

of Parkinson's disease and movement problems.

Opicapone belongs to a group of medicines called antiparkinsonian/other dopaminergic agents.

Opicapone works to restore the levels of dopamine in the areas of the brain that control movement and coordination. It enhances the effects of another drug, levodopa, commonly used to treat Parkinson's Disease. Opicapone blocks an enzyme that is involved in the breakdown of levodopa in the body, called catechol-O-methyl transferase (COMT). As a result, levodopa remains active for longer time.

**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.

This medicine is not addictive.

This medicine is available only with a doctor's prescription.