

**MEMANTINE HYDROCHLORIDE- memantine hydrochloride capsule, extended release**  
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**HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION**

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**MEMANTINE Hydrochloride Extended-release Capsule, for oral use**

**Initial U.S. Approval: 2003**

----- **RECENT MAJOR CHANGES** -----

Dosage and Administration, Recommended Dosing (2.1) 9/2014

----- **INDICATIONS AND USAGE** -----

Memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules contains memantine hydrochloride, an NMDA receptor antagonist indicated for the treatment of moderate to severe dementia of the Alzheimer's type. (1)

----- **DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION** -----

- The recommended starting dose of memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules is 7 mg once daily; the dose should be increased in 7 mg increments to the recommended maintenance dose of 28 mg once daily; the minimum recommended interval between dose increases is one week (2.1)
- Patients with severe renal impairment: the recommended maintenance dose of memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules is 14 mg once daily (2.3)

----- **DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS** -----

Memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsule is available as an extended-release capsule (3.1) in the following strengths: 7 mg, 14 mg, 21 mg and 28 mg (3.1, 3.2) (3)

----- **CONTRAINDICATIONS** -----

Memantine hydrochloride extended-release is contraindicated in patients with known hypersensitivity to memantine hydrochloride or to any excipients used in the formulation. (4) (4)

----- **WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS** -----

Conditions that raise urine pH may decrease the urinary elimination of memantine resulting in increased plasma levels of memantine. (5.1,7.1)

----- **ADVERSE REACTIONS** -----

The most commonly observed adverse reactions occurring at a frequency of at least 5% and greater than placebo with administration of memantine hydrochloride extended-release 28 mg/day were headache, diarrhea and dizziness (6.1)

**To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS, contact Lupin Pharmaceuticals, Inc. at 1-800-399-2561 or FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or [www.fda.gov/medwatch](http://www.fda.gov/medwatch).**

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## **FULL PRESCRIBING INFORMATION**

### **1 INDICATIONS AND USAGE**

Memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules are indicated for the treatment of moderate to severe dementia of the Alzheimer's type.

### **2 DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION**

#### **2.1 Recommended Dosing**

The dosage of memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsule shown to be effective in a controlled clinical trial is 28 mg once daily.

The recommended starting dose of memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsule is 7 mg once daily. The dose should be increased in 7 mg increments to the recommended maintenance dose of 28 mg once daily. The minimum recommended interval between dose increases is one week. The dose should only be increased if the previous dose has been well tolerated. The maximum recommended dose is 28 mg once daily.

Memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules can be taken with or without food. Memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules can be taken intact or may be opened, sprinkled on applesauce, and thereby swallowed. The entire contents of each memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsule should be consumed; the dose should not be divided.

Except when opened and sprinkled on applesauce, as described above, memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules should be swallowed whole. Memantine hydrochloride extended-release

capsules should not be divided, chewed, or crushed.

If a patient misses a single dose of memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules, that patient should not double up on the next dose. The next dose should be taken as scheduled. If a patient fails to take memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules for several days, dosing may need to be resumed at lower doses and retitrated as described above.

## **2.2 Switching from Memantine hydrochloride Tablets to Memantine hydrochloride Extended-Release Capsules**

Patients treated with memantine hydrochloride tablets may be switched to memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules as follows:

It is recommended that a patient who is on a regimen of 10 mg twice daily of memantine hydrochloride tablets be switched to memantine hydrochloride extended-release 28 mg once daily capsules the day following the last dose of 10 mg memantine hydrochloride tablets. There is no study addressing the comparative efficacy of these 2 regimens.

In a patient with severe renal impairment, it is recommended that a patient who is on a regimen of 5 mg twice daily of memantine hydrochloride tablets be switched to memantine hydrochloride extended-release 14 mg once daily capsules the day following the last dose of 5 mg memantine hydrochloride tablets.

## **2.3 Dosing in Patients with Renal Impairment**

In patients with severe renal impairment (creatinine clearance of 5 to 29 mL/min, based on the Cockcroft-Gault equation), the recommended maintenance dose (and maximum recommended dose) is 14 mg/day [see *CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY (12.3)*].

## **3 DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS**

Each extended-release capsule contains 7 mg, 14 mg, 21 mg or 28 mg of memantine hydrochloride USP.

- 7 mg: Size '4' hard gelatin yellow capsule with yellow opaque cap and yellow opaque body, with black imprint "LU" on Cap and "O61" on body.
- 14 mg: Size '4' hard gelatin capsule with yellow opaque cap and dark green opaque body, with black imprint "LU" on cap and "O62" on body.
- 21 mg: Size '4' hard gelatin capsule with white opaque cap and dark green opaque body, with black imprint "LU" on cap and "O63" on body.
- 28 mg: Size '3' hard gelatin dark green capsule with black imprint "LU" on cap and "O64" on body.

## **4 CONTRAINDICATIONS**

Memantine hydrochloride extended-release is contraindicated in patients with known hypersensitivity to memantine hydrochloride or to any excipients used in the formulation.

## **5 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS**

### **5.1 Genitourinary Conditions**

Conditions that raise urine pH may decrease the urinary elimination of memantine resulting in increased plasma levels of memantine [see *DRUG INTERACTIONS (7.1)*].

## **6 ADVERSE REACTIONS**

## 6.1 Clinical Trials Experience

Memantine hydrochloride extended-release was evaluated in a double-blind placebo-controlled trial in which a total of 676 patients with moderate to severe dementia of the Alzheimer's type (341 patients on memantine hydrochloride extended-release 28 mg/day and 335 patients on placebo) were treated for up to 24 weeks.

Because clinical trials are conducted under widely varying conditions, adverse reaction rates observed in the clinical trials of a drug cannot be directly compared to rates in the clinical trials of another drug and may not reflect the rates observed in practice.

### ***Adverse Reactions Leading to Discontinuation***

In the placebo-controlled clinical trial of memantine hydrochloride extended-release, the proportion of patients in the memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules group and the placebo group who discontinued treatment due to adverse reactions was 10% and 6%, respectively. The most common adverse reaction that led to treatment discontinuation in the memantine hydrochloride extended-release group was dizziness, at a rate of 1.5%.

### ***Most Common Adverse Reactions***

The most commonly observed adverse reactions seen in patients administered memantine hydrochloride extended-release in the controlled clinical trial, defined as those occurring at a frequency of at least 5% in the memantine hydrochloride extended-release group and at a frequency higher than placebo, were headache, diarrhea and dizziness.

Table 1 lists adverse reactions that were observed at an incidence of  $\geq 2\%$  in the memantine hydrochloride extended-release group and occurred at a rate greater than placebo.

**Table 1: Adverse reactions observed with a frequency of  $\geq 2\%$  in the memantine hydrochloride extended-release group and at a rate greater than placebo**

<b><i>Adverse reaction</i></b>	<b><i>Placebo (n = 335) %</i></b>	<b><i>Memantine Hydrochloride Extended-Release 28 mg (n = 341) %</i></b>
<b>Gastrointestinal Disorders</b>		
Diarrhea	4	5
Constipation	1	3
Abdominal pain	1	2
Vomiting	1	2
<b>Infections and infestations</b>		
Influenza	3	4
<b>Investigations</b>		
Weight, increased	1	3
<b>Musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorders</b>		
Back pain	1	3
<b>Nervous system disorders</b>		
Headache	5	6
Dizziness	1	5
Somnolence	1	3
<b>Psychiatric disorders</b>		
Anxiety	3	4
Depression	1	3
Aggression	1	2
<b>Renal and urinary disorders</b>		
Urinary incontinence	1	2

<b>Vascular disorders</b>		
Hypertension	2	4
Hypotension	1	2

### ***Seizure***

Memantine has not been systematically evaluated in patients with a seizure disorder. In clinical trials of memantine, seizures occurred in 0.3% of patients treated with memantine and 0.6% of patients treated with placebo.

## **6.2 Postmarketing Experience**

The following adverse reactions have been identified during post-approval use of memantine.

Because these reactions are reported voluntarily from a population of uncertain size, it is not always possible to reliably estimate their frequency or establish a causal relationship to drug exposure. These reactions include:

### ***Blood and Lymphatic System Disorders***

agranulocytosis, leukopenia (including neutropenia), pancytopenia, thrombocytopenia, thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura.

### ***Cardiac Disorders***

cardiac failure congestive.

### ***Gastrointestinal disorders***

pancreatitis.

### ***Hepatobiliary Disorders***

hepatitis.

### ***Psychiatric Disorders***

suicidal ideation.

### ***Renal and Urinary Disorders***

acute renal failure (including increased creatinine and renal insufficiency).

### ***Skin Disorders***

Stevens Johnson syndrome.

## **7 DRUG INTERACTIONS**

### **7.1 Drugs That Make the Urine Alkaline**

The clearance of memantine was reduced by about 80% under alkaline urine conditions at pH 8. Therefore, alterations of urine pH towards the alkaline condition may lead to an accumulation of the drug with a possible increase in adverse effects. Urine pH is altered by diet, drugs (e.g. carbonic anhydrase inhibitors, sodium bicarbonate) and clinical state of the patient (e.g. renal tubular acidosis or severe infections of the urinary tract). Hence, memantine should be used with caution under these conditions.

### **7.2 Use with other N-methyl-D-aspartate (NMDA) Antagonists**

The combined use of memantine hydrochloride extended-release with other NMDA antagonists (amantadine, ketamine, and dextromethorphan) has not been systematically evaluated and such use should be approached with caution.

## 8 USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS

### 8.1 Pregnancy

#### *Pregnancy Category B*

There are no adequate and well-controlled studies of memantine in pregnant women. Memantine hydrochloride extended-release should be used during pregnancy only if the potential benefit justifies the potential risk to the fetus.

Memantine given orally to pregnant rats and pregnant rabbits during the period of organogenesis was not teratogenic up to the highest doses tested (18 mg/kg/day in rats and 30 mg/kg/day in rabbits, which are 6 and 21 times, respectively, the maximum recommended human dose [MRHD] on a mg/m<sup>2</sup> basis).

Slight maternal toxicity, decreased pup weights and an increased incidence of non-ossified cervical vertebrae were seen at an oral dose of 18 mg/kg/day in a study in which rats were given oral memantine beginning pre-mating and continuing through the postpartum period. Slight maternal toxicity and decreased pup weights were also seen at this dose in a study in which rats were treated from day 15 of gestation through the postpartum period. The no-effect dose for these effects was 6 mg/kg, which is 2 times the MRHD on a mg/m<sup>2</sup> basis.

### 8.3 Nursing Mothers

It is not known whether memantine is excreted in human milk. Because many drugs are excreted in human milk, caution should be exercised when Memantine hydrochloride extended-release is administered to a nursing mother.

### 8.4 Pediatric Use

Safety and effectiveness in pediatric patients have not been established.

Memantine failed to demonstrate efficacy in two 12-week controlled clinical studies of 578 pediatric patients aged 6 to 12 years with autism spectrum disorders (ASD), including autism Asperger's disorder and Pervasive Development Disorder -Not Otherwise Specified (PDD-NOS). Memantine has not been studied in pediatric patients under 6 years of age or over 12 years of age. Memantine treatment was initiated at 3 mg/day and the dose was escalated to the target dose (weight-based) by week 6. Oral doses of memantine 3, 6, 9, or 15 mg extended-release capsules were administered once daily to patients with weights < 20 kg, 20 to 39 kg, 40 to 59 kg and ≥ 60 kg, respectively.

In a randomized, 12-week double-blind, placebo-controlled parallel study (Study A) in patients with autism, there was no statistically significant difference in the Social Responsiveness Scale (SRS) total raw score between patients randomized to memantine (n=54) and those randomized to placebo (n=53). In a 12-week responder-enriched randomized withdrawal study (Study B) in 471 patients with ASD, there was no statistically significant difference in the loss of therapeutic response rates between patients randomized to remain on full-dose memantine (n=153) and those randomized to switch to placebo (n=158).

The overall safety profile of memantine in pediatric patients was generally consistent with the known safety profile in adults [see *Adverse Reactions (6.1)*].

In Study A, the adverse reactions in the memantine group (n=56) that were reported in at least 5% of patients and twice that in the placebo group (N=58) are listed in Table 2:

**Table 2: Study A Commonly Reported Adverse Reactions  
With a Frequency ≥ 5% and Twice That in Placebo**

<b>Adverse Reaction</b>	<b>Memantine N=56</b>	<b>Placebo N=58</b>
Cough	8.9%	3.4%
Influenza	7.1%	3.4%

Rhinorrhea	5.4%	0%
Agitation	5.4%	1.7%
<b>Discontinuations due to adverse reactions<sup>a</sup></b>		
Aggression	3.6%	1.7%
Irritability	1.8%	3.4%
<sup>a</sup> Reported adverse reactions leading to discontinuation in more than one patient in either treatment group.		

The adverse reactions that were reported in at least 5% of patients in the 12 to 48 week open-label study to identify responders to enroll in Study B are listed in Table 3:

**Table 3: 12 to 48 Week Open Label Lead-In study to Study B Commonly Reported Adverse Reactions With a Frequency  $\geq$  5%**

<b>Adverse Reaction</b>	<b>Memantine N=903</b>
Headache	8.0%
Nasopharyngitis	6.3%
Pyrexia	5.8%
Irritability	5.4%
<b>Discontinuations due to adverse reactions<sup>a</sup></b>	
Irritability	1.2%
Aggression	1.0%
<sup>a</sup> At least 1% incidence of adverse reactions leading to premature discontinuation.	

In the randomized withdrawal study (Study B), the adverse reaction in patients randomized to placebo (n=160) and reported in at least 5% of patients and twice that of the full-dose memantine treatment group (n=157) was irritability (5.0% vs 2.5%).

In a juvenile animal study, male and female juvenile rats were administered memantine (15, 30, and 45 mg/kg/day) starting on postnatal day (PND) 14 through PND 70. Body weights were reduced at 45 mg/kg/day. Delays in sexual maturation were noted in male and female rats at doses  $\geq$  30 mg/kg/day. Memantine induced neuronal lesions in several areas of the brain on PND 15 and 17 at doses  $\geq$  30 mg/kg/day. Behavioral toxicity (decrease percent of auditory startle habituation) was noted for animals in the 45 mg/kg/day dose group. The 15 mg/kg/day dose was considered the No-Observed-Adverse-Effect-Level (NOAEL) for this study.

In a second juvenile rat toxicity study, male and female juvenile rats were administered memantine (1, 3, 8, 15, 30, and 45 mg/kg/day) starting on postnatal day (PND) 7 through PND 70. Due to early memantine-related mortality, the 30 and 45 mg/kg/day dose groups were terminated without further evaluation. Memantine induced apoptosis or neuronal degeneration in several areas of the brain on PND 8, 10, and 17 at a dose of 15 mg/kg/day. The NOAEL for apoptosis and neuronal degeneration was 8 mg/kg/day. Behavioral toxicity (effects on motor activity, auditory startle habituation, and learning and memory) was noted at doses  $\geq$  3 mg/kg/day during treatment, but was not seen after drug discontinuation. Therefore, the 1 mg/kg/day dose was considered the NOAEL for the neurobehavioral effect in this study.

## 8.5 Geriatric Use

The majority of people with Alzheimer's disease are 65 years and older. In the clinical study of memantine HCl extended-release, the mean age of patients was approximately 77; over 91% of patients were 65 years and older, 67% were 75 years and older, and 14% were at or above 85 years of age. The efficacy and safety data presented in the clinical trials section were obtained from these patients. There

were no clinically meaningful differences in most adverse reactions reported by patient groups  $\geq 65$  years old and  $< 65$  year old.

## 8.6 Renal Impairment

No dosage adjustment is needed in patients with mild or moderate renal impairment. A dosage reduction is recommended in patients with severe renal impairment [see *DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION (2.3)* and *CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY (12.3)*].

## 8.7 Hepatic Impairment

No dosage adjustment is needed in patients with mild or moderate hepatic impairment. Memantine hydrochloride extended-release was not studied in patients with severe hepatic impairment [see *CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY (12.3)*].

## 10 OVERDOSAGE

Signs and symptoms most often accompanying overdose with other formulations of memantine in clinical trials and from worldwide marketing experience, alone or in combination with other drugs and/or alcohol, include agitation, asthenia, bradycardia, confusion, coma, dizziness, ECG changes, increased blood pressure, lethargy, loss of consciousness, psychosis, restlessness, slowed movement, somnolence, stupor, unsteady gait, visual hallucinations, vertigo, vomiting, and weakness. The largest known ingestion of memantine worldwide was 2 grams in an individual who took memantine in conjunction with unspecified antidiabetic medications. This person experienced coma, diplopia, and agitation, but subsequently recovered.

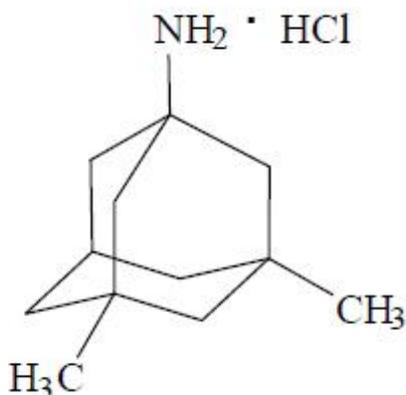
One patient participating in a memantine hydrochloride extended-release clinical trial unintentionally took 112 mg of memantine hydrochloride extended-release daily for 31 days and experienced an elevated serum uric acid, elevated serum alkaline phosphatase, and low platelet count. Fatal outcome has been very rarely reported with memantine, and the relationship to memantine was unclear.

Because strategies for the management of overdose are continually evolving, it is advisable to contact a poison control center to determine the latest recommendations for the management of an overdose of any drug. As in any cases of overdose, general supportive measures should be utilized, and treatment should be symptomatic.

Elimination of memantine can be enhanced by acidification of urine.

## 11 DESCRIPTION

Memantine hydrochloride extended-release is an orally active NMDA receptor antagonist. The chemical name for memantine hydrochloride is 1-amino-3,5-dimethyladamantane hydrochloride with the following structural formula:



The molecular formula is  $C_{12}H_{21}N \cdot HCl$  and the molecular weight is 215.76. Memantine HCl occurs as a white or off-white powder and is soluble in water.

Memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules are supplied for oral administration as 7, 14, 21 and 28 mg capsules [See *HOW SUPPLIED* Section 16]. Each capsule contains extended release pellets with the labeled amount of memantine hydrochloride USP and the following inactive ingredients: ethyl cellulose, gelatin, hypromellose, maize starch, sucrose, talc, titanium dioxide and triethyl citrate in hard gelatin capsules. Additionally, 7 mg strength capsules contain D&C Yellow #10 and FD&C Red #40; 14 mg strength capsules contain D&C Yellow #10, FD&C Blue #1, FD&C Red #40 and iron oxide yellow; 21 mg and 28 mg strength capsules contain FD&C Blue #1 and iron oxide yellow. The capsules are printed with edible ink containing black iron oxide, potassium hydroxide, propylene glycol and shellac.

## 12 CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY

### 12.1 Mechanism of Action

Persistent activation of central nervous system N-methyl-D-aspartate (NMDA) receptors by the excitatory amino acid glutamate has been hypothesized to contribute to the symptomatology of Alzheimer's disease. Memantine is postulated to exert its therapeutic effect through its action as a low to moderate affinity uncompetitive (open-channel) NMDA receptor antagonist which binds preferentially to the NMDA receptor-operated cation channels. There is no evidence that memantine prevents or slows neurodegeneration in patients with Alzheimer's disease.

### 12.2 Pharmacodynamics

Memantine showed low to negligible affinity for GABA, benzodiazepine, dopamine, adrenergic, histamine and glycine receptors and for voltage-dependent  $Ca^{2+}$ ,  $Na^{+}$  or  $K^{+}$  channels. Memantine also showed antagonistic effects at the 5HT<sub>3</sub> receptor with a potency similar to that for the NMDA receptor and blocked nicotinic acetylcholine receptors with one-sixth to one-tenth the potency.

*In vitro* studies have shown that memantine does not affect the reversible inhibition of acetylcholinesterase by donepezil, galantamine, or tacrine.

### 12.3 Pharmacokinetics

Memantine is well absorbed after oral administration and has linear pharmacokinetics over the therapeutic dose range. It is excreted predominantly unchanged in urine and has a terminal elimination half-life of about 60 to 80 hours. In a study comparing 28 mg once daily memantine hydrochloride extended-release to 10 mg twice daily memantine hydrochloride tablets, the  $C_{max}$  and  $AUC_{0-24}$  values were 48% and 33% higher for the XR dosage regimen, respectively.

#### **Absorption**

After multiple dose administration of memantine hydrochloride extended-release, memantine peak concentrations occur around 9 to 12 hours post-dose. There is no difference in the absorption of memantine hydrochloride extended-release when the capsule is taken intact or when the contents are sprinkled on applesauce.

There is no difference in memantine exposure, based on  $C_{max}$  or AUC, for memantine hydrochloride extended-release whether that drug product is administered with food or on an empty stomach. However, peak plasma concentrations are achieved about 18 hours after administration with food versus approximately 25 hours after administration on an empty stomach.

#### **Distribution**

The mean volume of distribution of memantine is 9 to 11 L/kg and the plasma protein binding is low (45%).

## **Metabolism**

Memantine undergoes partial hepatic metabolism. The hepatic microsomal CYP450 enzyme system does not play a significant role in the metabolism of memantine.

## **Elimination**

Memantine is excreted predominantly in the urine, unchanged, and has a terminal elimination half-life of about 60 to 80 hours. About 48% of administered drug is excreted unchanged in urine; the remainder is converted primarily to three polar metabolites which possess minimal NMDA receptor antagonistic activity: the N-glucuronide conjugate, 6-hydroxy memantine, and 1-nitroso-deaminated memantine. A total of 74% of the administered dose is excreted as the sum of the parent drug and the N-glucuronide conjugate. Renal clearance involves active tubular secretion moderated by pH dependent tubular reabsorption.

## **Specific Populations**

### **Elderly:**

The pharmacokinetics of memantine in young and elderly subjects are similar.

### **Gender:**

Following multiple dose administration of memantine HCl 20 mg daily, females had about 45% higher exposure than males, but there was no difference in exposure when body weight was taken into account.

## **Renal Impairment**

Memantine pharmacokinetics were evaluated following single oral administration of 20 mg memantine HCl in 8 subjects with mild renal impairment (creatinine clearance, CL<sub>cr</sub>, > 50 to 80 mL/min), 8 subjects with moderate renal impairment (CL<sub>cr</sub> 30 to 49 mL/min), 7 subjects with severe renal impairment (CL<sub>cr</sub> 5 to 29 mL/min) and 8 healthy subjects (CL<sub>cr</sub> > 80 mL/min) matched as closely as possible by age, weight and gender to the subjects with renal impairment. Mean AUC<sub>0-∞</sub> increased by 4%, 60%, and 115% in subjects with mild, moderate, and severe renal impairment, respectively, compared to healthy subjects. The terminal elimination half-life increased by 18%, 41%, and 95% in subjects with mild, moderate, and severe renal impairment, respectively, compared to healthy subjects.

## **Hepatic Impairment**

Memantine pharmacokinetics were evaluated following the administration of single oral doses of 20 mg in 8 subjects with moderate hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh Class B, score 7 to 9) and 8 subjects who were age-, gender-, and weight-matched to the hepatically impaired subjects. There was no change in memantine exposure (based on C<sub>max</sub> and AUC) in subjects with moderate hepatic impairment as compared with healthy subjects. However, terminal elimination half-life increased by about 16% in subjects with moderate hepatic impairment as compared with healthy subjects.

## **Drug-Drug Interactions**

### **Use with Cholinesterase Inhibitors:**

Coadministration of memantine with the AChE inhibitor donepezil HCl did not affect the pharmacokinetics of either compound. Furthermore, memantine did not affect AChE inhibition by donepezil. In a 24-week controlled clinical study in patients with moderate to severe Alzheimer's disease, the adverse reaction profile observed with a combination of memantine immediate-release and donepezil was similar to that of donepezil alone.

### **Effect of Memantine on the Metabolism of Other Drugs:**

*In vitro* studies conducted with marker substrates of CYP450 enzymes (CYP1A2, -2A6, 2C9, -2D6, -2E1, -3A4) showed minimal inhibition of these enzymes by memantine. In addition, *in vitro* studies indicate that at concentrations exceeding those associated with efficacy, memantine does not induce the cytochrome P450 isozymes CYP1A2, -2C9, 2E1 and -3A4/5. No pharmacokinetic interactions with drugs metabolized by these enzymes are expected.

Pharmacokinetic studies evaluated the potential of memantine for interaction with warfarin and bupropion. Memantine did not affect the pharmacokinetics of the CYP2B6 substrate bupropion or its metabolite hydroxybupropion. Furthermore, memantine did not affect the pharmacokinetics or pharmacodynamics of warfarin as assessed by the prothrombin INR.

#### ***Effect of Other Drugs on Memantine:***

Memantine is predominantly renally eliminated, and drugs that are substrates and/or inhibitors of the CYP450 system are not expected to alter the metabolism of memantine.

#### ***Drugs Eliminated via Renal Mechanisms:***

Because memantine is eliminated in part by tubular secretion, coadministration of drugs that use the same renal cationic system, including hydrochlorothiazide (HCTZ), triamterene (TA), metformin, cimetidine, ranitidine, quinidine, and nicotine, could potentially result in altered plasma levels of both agents. However, coadministration of memantine and HCTZ/TA did not affect the bioavailability of either memantine or TA, and the bioavailability of HCTZ decreased by 20%. In addition, coadministration of memantine with the antihyperglycemic drug Glucovance (glyburide and metformin HCl) did not affect the pharmacokinetics of memantine, metformin and glyburide. Furthermore, memantine did not modify the serum glucose lowering effect of Glucovance, indicating the absence of a pharmacodynamic interaction.

#### ***Drugs Highly Bound to Plasma Proteins:***

Because the plasma protein binding of memantine is low (45%), an interaction with drugs that are highly bound to plasma proteins, such as warfarin and digoxin, is unlikely.

## **13 NONCLINICAL TOXICOLOGY**

### **13.1 Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility**

There was no evidence of carcinogenicity in a 113-week oral study in mice at doses up to 40 mg/kg/day (7 times the maximum recommended human dose [MRHD] on a mg/m<sup>2</sup> basis). There was also no evidence of carcinogenicity in rats orally dosed at up to 40 mg/kg/day for 71 weeks followed by 20 mg/kg/day (14 and 7 times the MRHD on a mg/m<sup>2</sup> basis, respectively) through 128 weeks.

Memantine produced no evidence of genotoxic potential when evaluated in the *in vitro* *S. typhimurium* or *E. coli* reverse mutation assay, an *in vitro* chromosomal aberration test in human lymphocytes, an *in vivo* cytogenetics assay for chromosome damage in rats, and the *in vivo* mouse micronucleus assay. The results were equivocal in an *in vitro* gene mutation assay using Chinese hamster V79 cells.

No impairment of fertility or reproductive performance was seen in rats administered up to 18 mg/kg/day (6 times the MRHD on a mg/m<sup>2</sup> basis) orally from 14 days prior to mating through gestation and lactation in females, or for 60 days prior to mating in males.

### **13.2 Animal Toxicology and /or Pharmacology**

Memantine induced neuronal lesions (vacuolation and necrosis) in the multipolar and pyramidal cells in cortical layers III and IV of the posterior cingulate and retrosplenial neocortices in rats, similar to those which are known to occur in rodents administered other NMDA receptor antagonists. Lesions were seen after a single dose of memantine. In a study in which rats were given daily oral doses of memantine for 14 days, the no-effect dose for neuronal necrosis was 4 times the maximum recommended human dose (MRHD of 28 mg/day) on a mg/m<sup>2</sup> basis.

In acute and repeat-dose neurotoxicity studies in female rats, oral administration of memantine and donepezil in combination resulted in increased incidence, severity, and distribution of neurodegeneration compared with memantine alone. The no-effect levels of the combination were associated with clinically relevant plasma memantine and donepezil exposures.

The relevance of these findings to humans is unknown.

## 14 CLINICAL STUDIES

The effectiveness of memantine hydrochloride extended-release as a treatment for patients with moderate to severe Alzheimer's disease was based on the results of a double-blind, placebo-controlled trial.

### **24-week Study of Memantine Hydrochloride Extended-Release Capsules**

This was a randomized double-blind clinical investigation in outpatients with moderate to severe Alzheimer's disease (diagnosed by DSM-IV criteria and NINCDS-ADRDA criteria for AD with a Mini Mental State Examination (MMSE) score  $\geq 3$  and  $\leq 14$  at Screening and Baseline) receiving acetylcholinesterase inhibitor (AChEI) therapy at a stable dose for 3 months prior to screening. The mean age of patients participating in this trial was 76.5 years with a range of 49 to 97 years. Approximately 72% of patients were female and 94% were Caucasian.

#### **Study Outcome Measures**

The effectiveness of memantine hydrochloride extended-release was evaluated in this study using the co-primary efficacy parameters of Severe Impairment Battery (SIB) and the Clinician's Interview-Based Impression of Change (CIBIC-Plus).

The ability of memantine hydrochloride extended-release to improve cognitive performance was assessed with the Severe Impairment Battery (SIB), a multi-item instrument that has been validated for the evaluation of cognitive function in patients with moderate to severe dementia. The SIB examines selected aspects of cognitive performance, including elements of attention, orientation, language, memory, visuospatial ability, construction, praxis, and social interaction. The SIB scoring range is from 0 to 100, with lower scores indicating greater cognitive impairment.

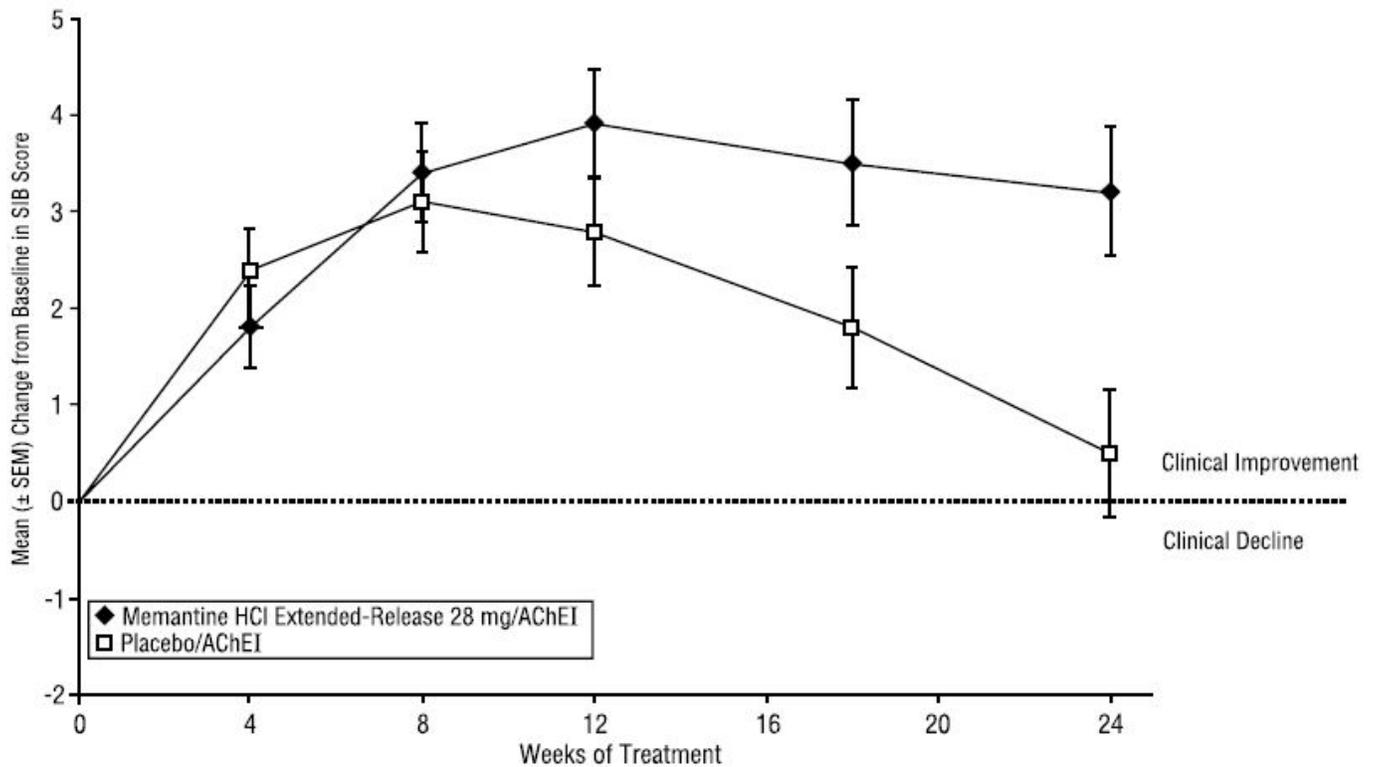
The ability of memantine hydrochloride extended-release to produce an overall clinical effect was assessed using a Clinician's Interview Based Impression of Change that required the use of caregiver information, the CIBIC-Plus. The CIBIC-Plus is not a single instrument and is not a standardized instrument like the ADCS-ADL or SIB. Clinical trials for investigational drugs have used a variety of CIBIC formats, each different in terms of depth and structure. As such, results from a CIBIC-Plus reflect clinical experience from the trial or trials in which it was used and cannot be compared directly with the results of CIBIC-Plus evaluations from other clinical trials. The CIBIC-Plus used in this trial was a structured instrument based on a comprehensive evaluation at baseline and subsequent time-points of four domains: general (overall clinical status), functional (including activities of daily living), cognitive, and behavioral. It represents the assessment of a skilled clinician using validated scales based on his/her observation during an interview with the patient, in combination with information supplied by a caregiver familiar with the behavior of the patient over the interval rated. The CIBIC-Plus is scored as a seven point categorical rating, ranging from a score of 1, indicating "marked improvement" to a score of 4, indicating "no change" to a score of 7, indicating "marked worsening." The CIBIC-Plus has not been systematically compared directly to assessments not using information from caregivers (CIBIC) or other global methods.

#### **Study Results**

In this study, 677 patients were randomized to one of the following 2 treatments: memantine hydrochloride extended-release 28 mg/day or placebo while still receiving an AChEI (either donepezil, galantamine, or rivastigmine).

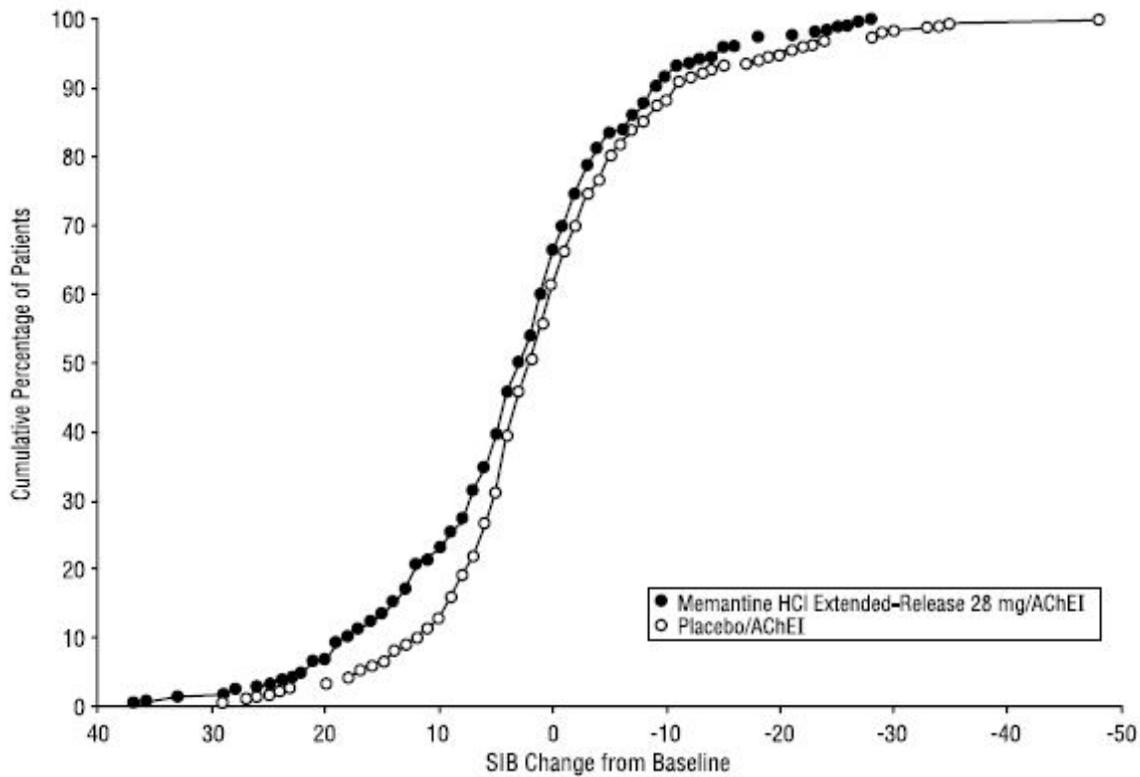
#### **Effects on Severe Impairment Battery (SIB)**

Figure 1 shows the time course for the change from baseline in SIB score for the two treatment groups completing the 24 weeks of the study. At 24 weeks of treatment, the mean difference in the SIB change scores for the memantine hydrochloride extended-release 28 mg/AChEI-treated (combination therapy) patients compared to the patients on placebo/AChEI (monotherapy) was 2.6 units. Using an LOCF analysis, memantine hydrochloride extended-release 28 mg/AChEI treatment was statistically significantly superior to placebo/AChEI.



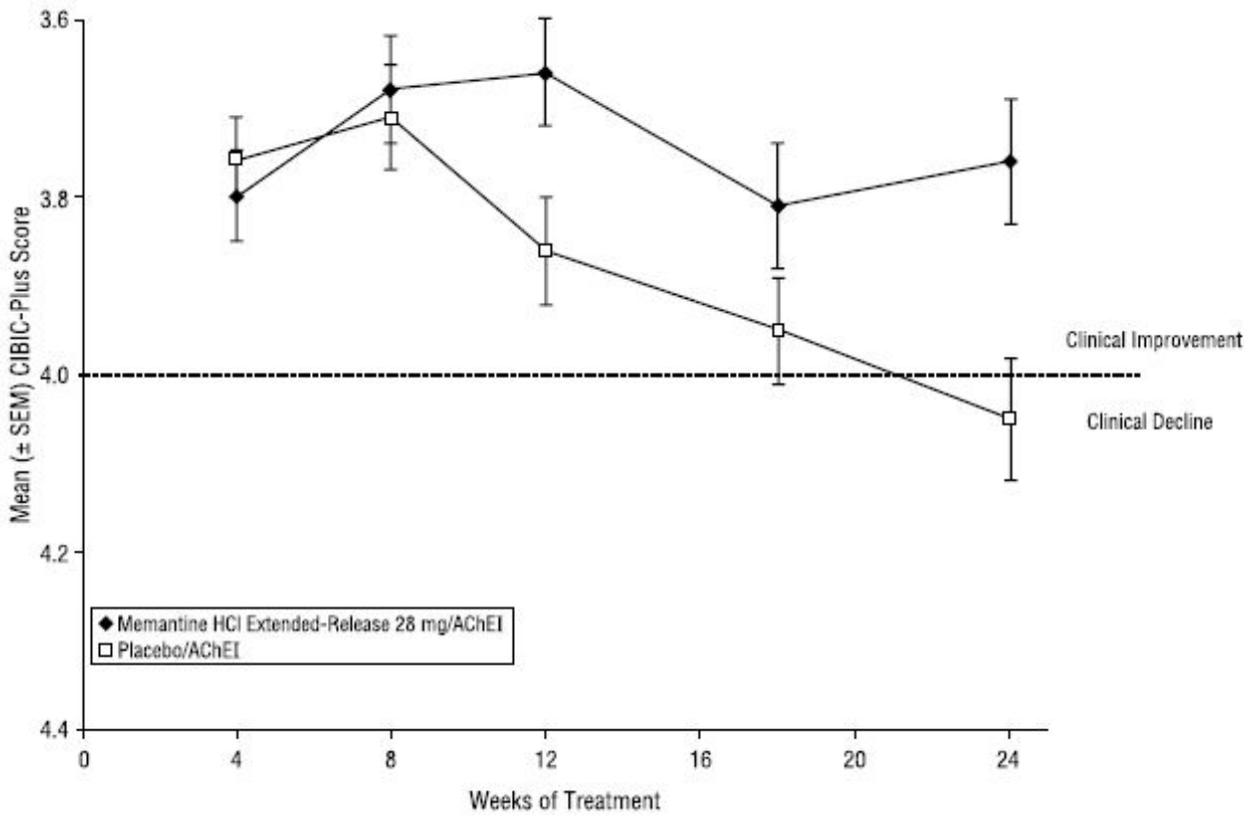
**Figure 1: Time course of the change from baseline in SIB score for patients completing 24 weeks of treatment.**

Figure 2 shows the cumulative percentages of patients from each treatment group who had attained at least the measure of improvement in SIB score shown on the X axis. The curves show that both patients assigned to memantine hydrochloride extended-release 28 mg/AChEI and placebo/AChEI have a wide range of responses, but that the memantine hydrochloride extended-release 28 mg/AChEI group is more likely to show an improvement or a smaller decline.



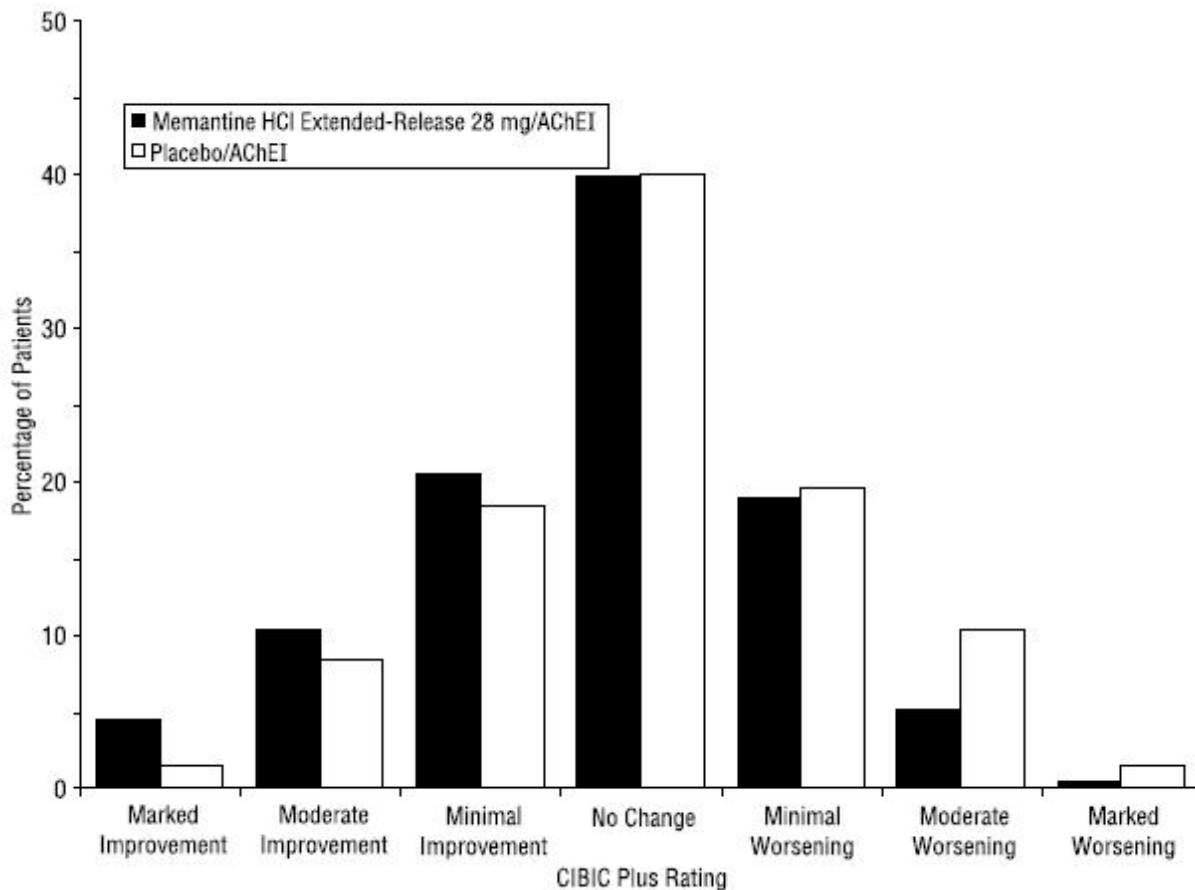
**Figure 2: Cumulative percentage of patients completing 24 weeks of double-blind treatment with specified changes from baseline in SIB scores.**

Figure 3 shows the time course for the CIBIC-Plus score for patients in the two treatment groups completing the 24 weeks of the study. At 24 weeks of treatment, the mean difference in the CIBIC-Plus scores for the memantine hydrochloride extended-release 28 mg/AChEI-treated patients compared to the patients on placebo/AChEI was 0.3 units. Using an LOCF analysis, memantine hydrochloride extended-release 28 mg/AChEI treatment was statistically significantly superior to placebo/AChEI.



**Figure 3: Time course of the CIBIC-Plus score for patients completing 24 weeks of treatment.**

Figure 4 is a histogram of the percentage distribution of CIBIC-Plus scores attained by patients assigned to each of the treatment groups who completed 24 weeks of treatment.



**Figure 4: Distribution of CIBIC-Plus ratings at week 24.**

## 16 HOW SUPPLIED/STORAGE AND HANDLING

### 7 mg Capsule

Size '4' hard gelatin yellow capsule with yellow opaque cap and yellow opaque body, with black imprint "LU" on cap and "O61" on body.

### 14 mg Capsule

Size '4' hard gelatin capsule with yellow opaque cap and dark green opaque body, with black imprint "LU" on cap and "O62" on body.

### 21 mg Capsule

Size '4' hard gelatin capsule with white opaque cap and dark green opaque body, with black imprint "LU" on cap and "O63" on body.

### 28 mg Capsule

Size '3' hard gelatin dark green capsule with black imprint "LU" on cap and "O64" on body.

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### Storage

Store at 25°C (77°F); excursions permitted to 15 to 30°C (59 to 86°F) [see USP Controlled Room Temperature].

## 17 PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION

Advise the patient to read the FDA-approved patient labeling (Patient Information).

- To assure safe and effective use of memantine hydrochloride extended-release, the information and instructions provided in the patient information section should be discussed with patients and caregivers.
- Instruct patients and caregivers to take memantine hydrochloride extended-release only once per day, as prescribed.
- Instruct patients and caregivers that memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules be swallowed whole. Alternatively, memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules may be opened and sprinkled on applesauce and the entire contents should be consumed. The capsules should not be divided, chewed or crushed.
- Warn patients not to use any capsules of memantine hydrochloride extended-release that are damaged or show signs of tampering.
- If a patient misses a single dose of memantine hydrochloride extended-release, that patient should not double up on the next dose. The next dose should be taken as scheduled. If a patient fails to take memantine hydrochloride extended-release for several days, dosing should not be resumed without consulting that patient's healthcare professional.
- Advise patients and caregivers that memantine hydrochloride extended-release may cause headache, diarrhea, and dizziness.

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## **PATIENT INFORMATION**

### **Memantine Hydrochloride Extended-release Capsules**

**[me-MAN-teen HYE-droe-KLOR-ide]**

#### **Rx Only**

Read this Patient Information that comes with memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules before you start taking it and each time you get a refill. There may be new information. This information does not take the place of talking to your doctor about your medical condition or your treatment.

#### **What are memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules?**

Memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsule is a prescription medicine used for the treatment of moderate to severe dementia in people with Alzheimer's disease. Memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsule belongs to a class of medicines called NMDA (N-methyl-D-aspartate) inhibitors.

It is not known if memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsule is safe and effective in children.

#### **Who should not take memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules?**

**Do not take memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules if you are allergic to memantine**

or any of the other ingredients in memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules. See the end of this leaflet for a complete list of ingredients in memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules.

### **What should I tell my doctor before taking memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules?**

#### **Before you take memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules, tell your doctor if you:**

- have or have had seizures
- have or have had problems passing urine
- have or have had bladder or kidney problems
- have liver problems
- have any other medical conditions
- are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. It is not known if memantine hydrochloride extended-release will harm your unborn baby.
- are breastfeeding or plan to breastfeed. It is not known if memantine hydrochloride extended-release passes into your breast milk. You and your doctor should decide if you will take memantine hydrochloride extended-release or breastfeed.

**Tell your doctor about all the medicines you take**, including prescription and nonprescription medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements.

Taking memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules with certain other medicines may affect each other. Taking memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules with other medicines can cause serious side effects.

Especially tell your doctor if you take:

- other NMDA antagonists such as amantadine, ketamine, and dextromethorphan
- medicines that make your urine alkaline such as carbonic anhydrase inhibitors and sodium bicarbonate

Ask your doctor or pharmacist for a list of these medicines, if you are not sure.

Know the medicines you take. Keep a list of them to show your doctor and pharmacist when you get a new medicine.

#### **How should I take memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules?**

- Your doctor will tell you how much memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules to take and when to take it.
- Your doctor may change your dose if needed.
- Memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules may be taken with food or without food.
- Memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules may be opened and sprinkled on applesauce before swallowing, but the contents of the entire capsule should be taken and the dose should not be divided. Except when opened and sprinkled on applesauce, memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules must be swallowed whole and never crushed, divided or chewed.
- Do not use any capsules of memantine hydrochloride extended-release that are damaged or show signs of tampering.
- If you are currently taking another formulation of memantine, talk to your healthcare professional about how to switch to memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules.
- If you forget to take one dose of memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules, do not double up on the next dose. You should take only the next dose as scheduled.
- If you have forgotten to take memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules for several days, you should not take the next dose until you talk to your doctor.
- If you take too much memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules call your doctor or poison control center at 1-800-222-1222 right away, or go to the nearest hospital emergency room.

#### **What are the possible side effects of memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules?**

## **Memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules may cause side effects, including:**

The most common side effects of memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules include:

- headache
- diarrhea
- dizziness

These are not all the possible side effects of memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules. For more information, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

**Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.**

You may also report side effects to Lupin Pharmaceuticals, Inc. at 1-800-399-2561 or visit our website at [www.lupinpharmaceuticals.com](http://www.lupinpharmaceuticals.com).

## **How should I store memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules?**

- Store memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules at room temperature between 68 to 77°F (20 to 25°C).

## **What are the ingredients in memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules?**

Active ingredient: memantine hydrochloride USP

Inactive ingredients: ethyl cellulose, gelatin, hypromellose, maize starch, sucrose, talc, titanium dioxide and triethyl citrate in hard gelatin capsules. Additionally, 7 mg strength capsules contain D&C Yellow #10 and FD&C Red #40; 14 mg strength capsules contain D&C Yellow #10, FD&C Blue #1, FD&C Red #40 and iron oxide yellow; 21 mg and 28 mg strength capsules contain FD&C Blue #1 and iron oxide yellow. The capsules are printed with edible ink containing black iron oxide, potassium hydroxide, propylene glycol and shellac.

**Keep memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules and all medicines out of the reach of children.**

## **General information about the safe and effective use of memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules:**

Medicines are sometimes prescribed for purposes other than those listed in a Patient Information leaflet. Do not take memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules for a condition for which it was not prescribed. Do not give memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules to other people, even if they have the same condition. It may harm them.

This Patient Information leaflet summarizes the most important information about memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules. If you would like more information, talk with your doctor. You can ask your doctor or pharmacist for information about memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules that was written for healthcare professionals.

This Patient Information has been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

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# Memantine HCl ER Caps 28mg



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(NDC 68180-249-06)  
PKG BY VANGARD  
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**Memantine HCl**  
ER Caps 28 mg

STORE AT 20° - 25° C (68° - 77° F)  
(SEE USP CONTROLLED ROOM TEMPERATURE)

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Dispense in a tight container.

Each cap contains memantine hydrochloride USP 28 mg.

See package insert or label for dosage information  
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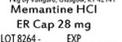
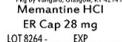
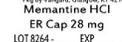
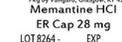
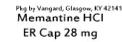
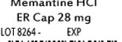
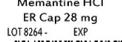
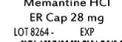
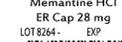
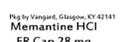
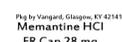
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## MEMANTINE HYDROCHLORIDE

memantine hydrochloride capsule, extended release

### Product Information

<b>Product Type</b>	HUMAN PRESCRIPTION DRUG	<b>Item Code (Source)</b>	NDC:0615-8264(NDC:68180-249)
<b>Route of Administration</b>	ORAL		

### Active Ingredient/Active Moiety

Ingredient Name	Basis of Strength	Strength
MEMANTINE HYDROCHLORIDE (UNII: JY0WD0UA60) (MEMANTINE - UNII:W8O17SJF3T)	MEMANTINE HYDROCHLORIDE	28 mg

### Inactive Ingredients

Ingredient Name	Strength

ETHYLCELLULOSES (UNII: 7Z8S9VYZ4B)
FD&C BLUE NO. 1 (UNII: H3R47K3TBD)
FERRIC OXIDE YELLOW (UNII: EX438O2MRT)
FERROSO FERRIC OXIDE (UNII: XM0M87F357)
GELATIN (UNII: 2G86QN327L)
HYPROMELLOSES (UNII: 3NXW29V3WO)
POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE (UNII: WZHBC48M4T)
PROPYLENE GLYCOL (UNII: 6DC9Q167V3)
SHELLAC (UNII: 46N107B71O)
STARCH, CORN (UNII: O8232NY3SJ)
SUCROSE (UNII: C151H8M554)
TALC (UNII: 7SEV7J4R1U)
TITANIUM DIOXIDE (UNII: 15FIX9V2JP)
TRIETHYL CITRATE (UNII: 8Z96QXD6UM)

### Product Characteristics

Color	GREEN ((DARK GREEN))	Score	no score
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### Packaging

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### Establishment

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