Uses

<u>Dronabinol</u> is used to treat <u>nausea and vomiting</u> caused by <u>cancer chemotherapy</u>. It is usually used when other drugs to control <u>nausea</u> and <u>vomiting</u> have not been successful. Dronabinol is also used to treat loss of appetite and <u>weight loss</u> in patients with <u>HIV</u> infection. Dronabinol (also called THC) is a man-made form of the active natural substance in <u>marijuana</u> (<u>cannabis</u>).

How to use Marinol

Read the Patient Information Leaflet if available from your <u>pharmacist</u> before you start taking <u>dronabinol</u> and each time you get a refill. If you have any questions, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

Take this <u>medication</u> by <u>mouth</u> as directed by your doctor, usually up to 4 to 6 times daily if you are taking it to control <u>nausea and</u> <u>vomiting</u> or twice daily (before lunch and before dinner) if you are taking it to treat appetite loss. Follow your doctor's instructions carefully.

The dosage is based on your medical condition and response to treatment. If you are taking this medication to control nausea and vomiting, your dosage may also be based on your body size.

Do not increase your dose or use this drug more often or for longer than prescribed. Your condition will not improve any faster, and your risk of serious side effects will increase.

If you suddenly stop using this medication, you may have withdrawal symptoms (such as irritability, <u>trouble sleeping</u>, restlessness, <u>hot flashes</u>, <u>diarrhea</u>). To help prevent withdrawal, your doctor may lower your dose slowly. Withdrawal is more likely if you have used dronabinol for a long time or in high doses. Tell your doctor or pharmacist right away if you have withdrawal.

Though it helps many people, this medication may sometimes cause <u>addiction</u>. This risk may be higher if you have a substance use

disorder (such as overuse of or addiction to drugs/alcohol). Take this medication exactly as prescribed to lower the risk of addiction. Ask your doctor or pharmacist for more details.

Tell your doctor if your condition persists or worsens.

Side Effects

<u>Dizziness</u>, drowsiness, confusion, feeling "high", an exaggerated sense of well-being, <u>lightheadedness</u>, <u>nausea</u>, <u>vomiting</u>, or <u>stomach/abdominal pain</u> may occur as your body adjusts to the <u>medication</u>. If any of these effects persist or worsen, tell your doctor or <u>pharmacist</u> promptly.

To reduce the risk of dizziness and <u>lightheadedness</u>, get up slowly when rising from a sitting or lying position.

Remember that your doctor has prescribed this medication because he or she has judged that the benefit to you is greater than the risk of side effects. Many people using this medication do not have serious side effects.

Tell your doctor right away if you have any serious side effects, including: <u>fainting</u>, fast/pounding heartbeat, mental/mood changes (such as <u>anxiety</u>, nervousness, <u>hallucinations</u>, abnormal thoughts, <u>paranoia</u>).

A very serious <u>allergic reaction</u> to this drug is rare. However, get medical help right away if you notice any symptoms of a serious <u>allergic reaction</u>, including: <u>rash</u>, <u>itching</u>/swelling (especially of the face/<u>tongue</u>/throat), severe dizziness, <u>trouble breathing</u>.

This is not a complete list of possible side effects. If you notice other effects not listed above, contact your doctor or pharmacist.

In the US -

Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or at www.fda.gov/medwatch.

In Canada - Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to Health Canada at 1-866-234-2345.

Precautions

Before taking <u>dronabinol</u>, tell your doctor or <u>pharmacist</u> if you are allergic to it; or to <u>marijuana(cannabis)</u>; or if you have any other <u>allergies</u>. This product may contain inactive ingredients (such as sesame oil), which can cause allergic reactions or other problems. Talk to your pharmacist for more details.

Before using this <u>medication</u>, tell your doctor or pharmacist your medical history, especially of: personal or <u>family history</u> of a substance use disorder (such as overuse of or <u>addiction</u> to drugs/alcohol), <u>heart disease</u>, <u>high blood pressure</u>, mental/<u>mood disorders</u> (such as <u>mania</u>, <u>depression</u>, <u>schizophrenia</u>), <u>seizures</u>.

This drug may make you dizzy or drowsy or affect your judgment. Alcohol or marijuana (cannabis) can worsen these effects. Do not drive, use machinery, or do anything that needs alertness until you can do it safely. Avoid <u>alcoholic</u> beverages. Talk to your doctor if you are using marijuana (cannabis).

Before having surgery, tell your doctor or dentist about all the products you use (including <u>prescription drugs</u>, nonprescription drugs, and herbal products).

Children may be more sensitive to the side effects of this drug, especially drowsiness and mental/mood changes.

Older adults may be more sensitive to the side effects of this drug, especially drowsiness, <u>dizziness</u>, <u>lightheadedness</u>, and mental/mood changes.

During <u>pregnancy</u>, this medication should be used only when clearly needed. Discuss the risks and benefits with your doctor.

This medication passes into <u>breast</u> milk. Breast-feeding while using this drug is not recommended. Consult your doctor before breast-feeding.



Marinol 2.5 Mg Capsule



Marinol 10 Mg Capsule



Marinol 5 Mg Capsule