



## I'M INTERESTED IN LEARNING ABOUT ONCE-A-DAY NAMZARIC®

*Do you think NAMZARIC is right for my loved one?*

NAMZARIC is a prescription medicine approved to treat moderate to severe Alzheimer's disease in patients who are taking donepezil hydrochloride 10 mg, the active ingredient in Aricept®.

There is no evidence that NAMZARIC prevents or slows the underlying disease process in patients with Alzheimer's disease.

### IMPORTANT RISK INFORMATION

#### **NAMZARIC should not be taken by anyone who:**

- has an allergy to memantine HCl, donepezil HCl, medicines that contain piperidines, or any of the ingredients in NAMZARIC.

#### **Before taking NAMZARIC, tell the doctor about all of the patient's medical conditions, including:**

- heart problems including an irregular, slow, or fast heartbeat
- asthma or lung problems
- seizures
- stomach ulcers
- bladder, kidney, or liver problems
- any surgical, dental, or other medical procedures scheduled when anesthesia may be used

Tell the doctor about all the medicines the patient takes, including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements.

#### **Please see accompanying Brief Summary of Important Risk Information for NAMZARIC.**

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#### **What are the possible side effects of NAMZARIC?**

#### **NAMZARIC may cause serious side effects, including:**

- muscle problems in patients given anesthesia
- slow heartbeat and fainting. This happens more often in people with heart problems. Call the doctor right away if the patient faints while taking NAMZARIC.
- more stomach acid. This raises the chance of ulcers and bleeding especially when taking NAMZARIC. The risk is higher for patients who have had ulcers, or take aspirin or other NSAIDs.
- nausea and vomiting
- difficulty passing urine
- seizures
- worsening of lung problems in people with asthma or other lung disease

The most common side effects of memantine HCl include: headache, diarrhea, and dizziness.

The most common side effects of donepezil HCl include: diarrhea, not wanting to eat (anorexia), and bruising.

These are not all the possible side effects of NAMZARIC.



## Brief Summary of Important Risk Information

### NAMZARIC [nam-ZAIR-ick] (memantine hydrochloride and donepezil hydrochloride) extended-release capsules



This information does not take the place of talking to your doctor about your medical condition or your treatment.

### What is NAMZARIC?

NAMZARIC is a prescription medicine used to treat patients with moderate to severe Alzheimer's disease. NAMZARIC contains 2 medicines, memantine hydrochloride (HCl), an NMDA receptor antagonist, and donepezil HCl, an acetylcholinesterase inhibitor. NAMZARIC is for people who are taking donepezil HCl 10 mg.

### Who should not take NAMZARIC?

Do not take NAMZARIC if you are allergic to memantine HCl, donepezil HCl, medicines that contain piperidines, or any of the ingredients in NAMZARIC.

### What should I tell my doctor before taking NAMZARIC?

Before taking NAMZARIC, tell your doctor about all of your past and present medical conditions, including if you have:

- heart problems including an irregular, slow, or fast heartbeat
- asthma or lung problems
- seizures
- stomach ulcers
- liver, kidney, or bladder problems
- surgical, dental, or other medical procedures scheduled and anesthesia may be used

Tell your doctor about all the medicines you take, including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements.

### What are the possible side effects of NAMZARIC?

NAMZARIC may cause serious side effects, including:

- muscle problems if you need anesthesia
- slow heartbeat and fainting. This happens more often in people with heart problems. Call the doctor right away if the patient faints while taking NAMZARIC
- more stomach acid. This raises the chance of ulcers and bleeding especially when taking NAMZARIC. The risk is higher for patients who had ulcers, or take aspirin or other NSAIDs
- nausea and vomiting
- difficulty passing urine
- seizures
- worsening of lung problems in people with asthma or other lung disease

The most common side effects of memantine HCl include: headache, diarrhea, and dizziness. The most common side effects of donepezil HCl include: diarrhea, not wanting to eat (anorexia), and bruising. These are not all the possible side effects of NAMZARIC.

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

### How should I take NAMZARIC?

- Take NAMZARIC exactly as your doctor tells you to take it
- Do not change your dose or stop taking NAMZARIC without talking to your doctor
- Take NAMZARIC by mouth 1 time each evening before going to bed, with or without food
- NAMZARIC capsules may be opened and sprinkled on applesauce before swallowing. Sprinkle all of the medicine in the capsule on the applesauce. Do not divide the dose
- If you do not open and sprinkle NAMZARIC capsules on applesauce, the NAMZARIC capsules must be swallowed whole. Do not divide, chew, or crush NAMZARIC capsules
- If you miss a dose take NAMZARIC at your next scheduled dose. Do not take 2 doses of NAMZARIC at the same time
- Do not use any NAMZARIC capsules that are damaged or show signs of tampering

### What if I take more NAMZARIC capsules than I should?

If you take too much NAMZARIC, call Poison Control at 1-800-222-1222, or go to the nearest hospital emergency room right away.

### What other information should I be aware of?

- The use of NAMZARIC in children is not recommended
- You should not breast-feed during treatment with NAMZARIC
- Tell your healthcare provider if you are pregnant or planning to become pregnant

### Need more information?

The risk information provided here is not complete. It summarizes the most important information about NAMZARIC. If you would like more information, talk to your doctor.

For the FDA approved product labeling or for more information go to [NAMZARIC.com](http://NAMZARIC.com) or call 1-800-678-1605.

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