

PATIENT INFORMATION LEAFLET

SCHEDULING STATUS: **S4**

MOUNJARO 2,5 mg Solution for Injection

MOUNJARO 5 mg Solution for Injection

MOUNJARO 7,5 mg Solution for Injection

MOUNJARO 10 mg Solution for Injection

MOUNJARO 12,5 mg Solution for Injection

MOUNJARO 15 mg Solution for Injection

Tirzepatide

Read all of this leaflet carefully before you start using MOUNJARO

- Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again
- If you have further questions, please ask your doctor, pharmacist, nurse or other health care provider
- MOUNJARO has been prescribed for you personally and you should not share your medicine with other people. It may harm them, even if their symptoms are the same as yours.

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1. What MOUNJARO is and what it is used for

MOUNJARO contains an active substance called tirzepatide and is used to treat adults with type 2 diabetes mellitus. MOUNJARO reduces the level of sugar in the body only when the levels of sugar are high.

MOUNJARO is used:

- on its own when you can't take metformin (another diabetes medicine).
- with other medicines for diabetes when they are not enough to control your blood sugar levels. These other medicines may be medicines taken by mouth and/or insulin given by injection.

It is important to continue to follow the advice on diet and exercise given to you by your doctor, pharmacist or nurse.

2. What you need to know before you take MOUNJARO

Do not use MOUNJARO if you:

- are allergic to tirzepatide or to any of the other ingredients of MOUNJARO (listed in section 6)
- or any of your family have ever had a type of thyroid cancer called medullary thyroid carcinoma (MTC) or if you have an endocrine system condition called Multiple Endocrine Neoplasia syndrome type 2 (MEN 2).

Warnings and precautions

Talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse before using MOUNJARO if:

- you or any of your family have ever had a type of thyroid cancer called medullary thyroid carcinoma (MTC) or if you have an endocrine system condition called Multiple Endocrine Neoplasia syndrome type 2 (MEN 2).
- you have severe problems with food digestion or food remaining in your stomach for longer than normal (including severe gastroparesis).
- you have ever had pancreatitis (inflammation of the pancreas which may cause severe pain in the stomach and back which does not go away).
- you have a problem with your eyes (diabetic retinopathy or macular oedema).
- you are using a sulphonylurea (another diabetes medicine) or insulin for your diabetes, as low blood sugar (hypoglycaemia) can occur. Your doctor may need to change your dose of these other medicines to reduce this risk.

When starting treatment with MOUNJARO, in some cases you may experience loss of fluids/dehydration, e.g. due to vomiting, nausea and/or diarrhoea, which may lead to a decrease in kidney function. It is important to avoid dehydration by drinking plenty of fluids. Contact your doctor if you have any questions or concerns.

Children and adolescents

MOUNJARO should not be given to children and adolescents under 18 years of age because it has not been studied in this age group.

Other medicines and MOUNJARO

Tell your doctor, pharmacist or nurse if you are using, have recently used or might use any other medicines. (this includes complementary or traditional medicines)

Pregnancy, breastfeeding and fertility

If you are pregnant or breastfeeding your baby, please consult your doctor, pharmacist or other healthcare professional for advice before taking MOUNJARO.

Pregnancy

MOUNJARO should not be used during pregnancy as the effects on an unborn child are not known. Therefore, it is recommended to use contraception while using this medicine.

Breastfeeding

It is unknown whether tirzepatide passes into breast milk. A risk to newborns/infants cannot be ruled out. If you are breastfeeding or are planning to breastfeed, talk to your doctor before using this medicine. You and your doctor should decide if you should stop breastfeeding or delay using MOUNJARO.

Driving and using machines

It is unlikely that this medicine will affect your ability to drive and use machines. However, if you use MOUNJARO in combination with a sulphonylurea or insulin, low blood sugar (hypoglycaemia) may occur which may reduce your ability to concentrate. Avoid driving or using machines if you get any signs of low blood sugar, e.g. headache, drowsiness, weakness, dizziness, feeling hungry, confusion, irritability, fast heartbeat and sweating (see section 4). See section 2, 'Warnings and precautions' for information on increased risk of low blood sugar. Talk to your doctor for further information.

MOUNJARO contains sodium

This medicine contains less than 1 mmol sodium (23 mg) per dose, that is to say essentially 'sodium-free'.

3. How to use MOUNJARO

Do not share medicines prescribed for you with any other person.

Always use MOUNJARO exactly as your doctor or pharmacist has told you. Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure how to use this medicine.

How much to use

- The starting dose is 2,5 mg once a week for four weeks. After four weeks your doctor will increase your dose to 5 mg once a week.
- Your doctor may increase your dose by 2,5 mg increments to 7,5 mg, 10 mg, 12,5 mg or 15 mg once a week if you need it. In each case your doctor will tell you to stay on a particular dose for at least 4 weeks before going to a higher dose.

Do not change your dose unless your doctor has told you to.

Choosing when to give MOUNJARO

Each pen contains one dose of MOUNJARO either 2,5 mg, 5 mg, 7,5 mg, 10 mg, 12,5 mg, or 15 mg.

You can use your pen at any time of the day, with or without meals. You should use it on the same day each week if you can. To help you remember, when to use MOUNJARO, you may wish to tick the day of the week when you inject your first dose on the box that your pen comes in, or mark it on a calendar.

If necessary, you can change the day of your weekly MOUNJARO injection, as long as it has been at least 3 days since your last injection. After selecting a new dosing day, continue with once-a-week dosing on that new day.

How to inject MOUNJARO

MOUNJARO is injected under the skin (subcutaneous injection) of your stomach area (abdomen) or upper leg (thigh) or upper arm. You may need help from someone else if you want to inject in your upper arm.

If you want to do so, you can use the same area of your body each week. But be sure to choose a different injection site within that area. If you also inject insulin choose a different injection site for that injection.

Testing blood glucose levels

If you are using MOUNJARO with a sulphonylurea or insulin, it is important that you test your blood glucose levels as instructed by your doctor, pharmacist or nurse (see section 2, 'Warnings and precautions').

Read the "Instructions for Use" for the pen carefully before using MOUNJARO.

If you take more MOUNJARO than you should

If you use more MOUNJARO than you should talk to your doctor immediately. Too much of this medicine may cause low blood sugar (hypoglycaemia) and can make you feel sick or be sick.

If you forget to use MOUNJARO

If you forget to inject a dose and,

- it has been **4 days or less** since you should have used MOUNJARO, use it as soon as you remember. Then inject your next dose as usual on your scheduled day.
- If it has been **more than 4 days** since you should have used MOUNJARO, skip the missed dose. Then inject your next dose as usual on your scheduled day.

Do not use a double dose to make up for a forgotten dose. The minimum time between two doses must be at least 3 days.

If you stop using MOUNJARO

Do not stop using MOUNJARO without talking with your doctor. If you stop using MOUNJARO, your blood sugar levels can increase.

If you have any further questions on the use of this medicine, ask your doctor, pharmacist or nurse.

4. Possible side effects

Not all side effects reported for MOUNJARO are included in this leaflet. Should your general health worsen or if you experience any untoward effects while taking MOUNJARO, please consult your doctor, pharmacist or other healthcare professional for advice.

Tell your doctor immediately or go to the casualty department at your nearest hospital if you notice any of the following:

- Inflamed pancreas (acute pancreatitis) which could cause severe pain in the stomach and back which does not go away. You should see a doctor immediately if you experience such symptoms.

These are all serious side effects. You may need urgent medical attention.

Tell your doctor if you notice any of the following:

Very common (may affect more than 1 in 10 people)

- Feeling sick (nausea)
- Diarrhoea

These side effects are usually not severe. They are most common when first starting MOUNJARO but decrease over time in most patients.

- Low blood sugar (hypoglycaemia) is very common when MOUNJARO is used with medicines that contain a sulphonylurea and/or insulin. If you are using a sulphonylurea or insulin, the dose may need to be lowered while you use MOUNJARO (see section 2, 'Warnings and precautions'). Symptoms of low blood sugar may include headache, drowsiness, weakness, dizziness, feeling hungry, confusion, irritability, fast heartbeat and sweating. Your doctor should tell you how to treat low blood sugar.

Common (may affect up to 1 in 10 people)

- Low blood sugar (hypoglycaemia) is common when MOUNJARO is used with both metformin and a sodium-glucose co-transporter 2 inhibitor (another diabetes medicine)
- Allergic reaction (hypersensitivity) (e.g., rash, itching, and eczema)
- Feeling less hungry (decreased appetite)
- Stomach (abdominal) pain
- Being sick (vomiting) – this usually goes away over time
- Indigestion (dyspepsia)
- Constipation
- Bloating of the stomach
- Burping (eructation)
- Gas (flatulence)
- Reflux or heartburn (also called gastroesophageal reflux disease – GERD) - a disease caused by stomach acid coming up into the tube from your stomach to your mouth
- Feeling tired (fatigue)
- Injection site reactions (e.g. itching or redness)
- Fast pulse
- Increased levels of pancreatic enzymes (such as lipase and amylase) in blood.

Uncommon (may affect up to 1 in 100 people)

- Low blood sugar (hypoglycaemia) is uncommon when MOUNJARO is used with metformin.
- Gallstones
- Weight loss
- Increased calcitonin levels in blood.

If you notice any side effects not mentioned in this leaflet, please inform your doctor or pharmacist.

Reporting of side effects

If you get side effects, talk to your doctor or pharmacist. You can also report side effects to SAHPRA via the “**6.04 Adverse Drug Reaction Form**”, found online under SAHPRA’s publications: <https://www.sahpra.org.za/Publications/Index/8>. By reporting side effects, you can help provide more information on the safety of MOUNJARO.

Alternately, report suspected adverse events to the company at: ade_za@lilly.com.

5. How to store MOUNJARO

Keep this medicine out of the sight and reach of children.

Do not use this medicine after the expiry date which is stated on the label and on the carton after EXP. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.

Store in a refrigerator (2 °C to 8 °C). Do not freeze. If the pen has been frozen, DO NOT USE.

Store in the original packaging to protect from light.

MOUNJARO can be stored unrefrigerated below 30 °C for up to 21 cumulative days and then the pen must be discarded.

Do not use this medicine if you notice that the pen is damaged, or the medicine is cloudy, discoloured or has particles in it.

Do not throw away any medicines via wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to throw away medicines you no longer use. These measures will help protect the environment.

6. Contents of the pack and other information

What MOUNJARO contains

The active substance is tirzepatide.

MOUNJARO 2,5 mg Solution for Injection – Each pre-filled pen contains 2,5 mg of tirzepatide in 0,5 ml solution for injection.

MOUNJARO 5 mg Solution for Injection - Each pre-filled pen contains 5 mg of tirzepatide in 0,5 ml solution for injection.

MOUNJARO 7,5 mg Solution for Injection - Each pre-filled pen contains 7,5 mg of tirzepatide in 0,5 ml solution for injection.

MOUNJARO 10 mg Solution for Injection - Each pre-filled pen contains 10 mg of tirzepatide in 0,5 ml solution for injection.

MOUNJARO 12,5 mg Solution for Injection - Each pre-filled pen contains 12,5 mg of tirzepatide in 0,5 ml solution for injection.

MOUNJARO 15 mg Solution for Injection - Each pre-filled pen contains 15 mg of tirzepatide in 0,5 ml solution for injection.

The other ingredients are sodium phosphate dibasic heptahydrate, sodium chloride, sodium hydroxide (see section 2 under 'MOUNJARO contains sodium' for further information); concentrated hydrochloric acid and water for injections.

What MOUNJARO looks like and contents of the pack

MOUNJARO is a clear to opalescent, colourless to slightly yellow or brown solution, essentially free of particles, for injection in a pre-filled pen.

The pre-filled pen has a hidden needle which will automatically insert into the skin when the injection button is pressed. The pre-filled pen will retract the needle when the injection is completed.

Each pre-filled pen contains 0,5 ml solution.

The pre-filled pen is for single use only.

Pack sizes: 2 pre-filled pens, 4 pre-filled pens or multipacks of 12 (3 packs of 4) pre-filled pens.

Not all pack sizes may be available.

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