

# Medication Information Card

## Dronedarone (Dro – ned – a – rone)

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### Other names for this medication

Multaq™

### How this medication is used

This medication is used to treat atrial fibrillation. In this condition your heart beats too quickly. This medication helps your heart beat slow down and be regular. It may take a week before you get the full effect of this medication.

### How to take this medication

Take this medication exactly as directed by your doctor.

This medication is most often taken with the morning and evening meal. It is better absorbed from your stomach this way.

Do not suddenly stop taking this medication without checking with your doctor first.

If you miss a dose, take it as soon as you remember. However, if it is almost time for your next dose, skip the missed dose and go back to your regular time. Do not take 2 doses at one time.

This medication does not mix with certain other medications. Always check with your doctor or pharmacist before taking any other medications.

Grapefruit can affect the way this medication works. If you eat grapefruit or drink grapefruit juice, limit the amount you have. You may eat 1 grapefruit or drink 125 ml (4 ounces) 1 to 2 times a week.

### **While taking this medication you may also notice**

- diarrhea
- nausea
- itchy rash
- upset stomach

### **Contact your doctor if you notice**

- your heart beat is faster or slower than normal
- severe diarrhea and/or nausea
- yellowing of your skin or eyes
- dark urine
- light coloured stools