

LECIGON[®] (LECIG)

Patient Information



This leaflet has been developed by Britannia Pharmaceuticals Ltd. and is intended for UK patients who have been prescribed LECIGON[®] only. This leaflet is not a substitute for the package leaflet contained in the pack, which you should also read.

Why has my doctor prescribed this treatment?

Your doctor has prescribed this medicine to help manage your Parkinson's symptoms. This usually happens when your current oral therapy does not manage your symptoms as effectively as it did before.

Gastrointestinal problems are common in people with Parkinson's. These can include delays in the emptying of your stomach contents into your intestine. This can affect how well your oral medication works, as it takes longer to reach your small intestine, where your medicine is then absorbed into your blood. This means that the effect of your tablet treatment can be unpredictable. However, when the medicine is delivered directly into your intestine, as is the case with the treatment your doctor has prescribed you, it is absorbed directly into your blood without being affected by any stomach emptying.

How is the medicine administered?

It is delivered via a small and lightweight portable pump (Crono® LECIG) and a tube that goes directly into the upper part of your small intestine. Your medication comes in cartridges that you connect to the pump. The Crono® LECIG pump is just c. 8 x 6 cm in size and, together with your medicine, weighs only 230 g.

How quickly does the medication work?

When you start the Crono® LECIG pump, a morning dose is given that starts to work within approximately 30 minutes. To keep working throughout the day, the pump automatically switches to giving a continuous dose. If you feel the benefits of your dose wearing off, you can also add an extra dose as suggested by your healthcare professional, to help manage your symptoms if required.

What is a LECIG test?

A Percutaneous Endoscopic Gastro-jejunostomy (PEG-J) tube is required to deliver the medicine directly into your small intestine. Your doctor may decide to check whether this treatment is suitable for you with a test. During the test, the medication is given through a tube which passes through your nose, throat and stomach, into your small intestine (NG tube). The aim of the test is for you to feel entirely comfortable with the treatment before you decide whether it is right for you. You will be referred for an X-ray to fit your tube. The tube will be in place for a few days so you can try your medication at home or in hospital. You will need to fast for approximately 4 hours before the test (please see the referral letter from your clinic).



What is PEG-J surgery and how does it work?

The surgeon will make a small hole (called a 'stoma') in your stomach wall in order to insert a gastric tube. This is usually done under local anaesthesia with sedatives, or may be done under general anaesthesia.

Within this gastric tube runs a thinner extension tube that delivers your medication directly into your intestine. The surgery and any changes to your medication dose are done in partnership with your neurology clinic. You will receive a letter confirming the arrangements for surgery and the preparations you need to make.

Should I continue to take other Parkinson's medications?

You should continue to take your medicines according to your doctor's prescription.

How is the medication stored?

Your medication must be stored in a refrigerator (2 °C – 8 °C), though you do not need to keep it separate from the rest of the refrigerator contents. It is sensitive to light, so keep your medication stored in its original packaging for protection against light.

Your treatment is suitable for single use only and should not be used for more than 24 hours, even if there is medicine left in the cartridge. However, if you have stopped treatment during the night, you can continue to use the cartridge the next day, but only for up to 24 hours after opening it.

The medication is supplied in a box containing 7 cartridges, and will usually be delivered monthly. The medication may turn pale yellow/reddish at the end of its shelf life, but this does not reduce the effects of your medicine. Please refer to the expiry date on the packaging. For other storage questions, contact your clinical team.



What support is provided?

It is important to feel confident about your treatment, which is why there is local patient support for your treatment. This support is there for you as a user and/or for relatives/assistance providers/home

care providers, etc., to help you understand and gain confidence in managing your own treatment. Training is carried out nationwide by arrangement with your healthcare professional.

REPORTING OF SIDE EFFECTS

If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse. This includes any possible side effects not listed in the package leaflet. You can also report side effects directly via the Yellow Card Scheme at: www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard or search for MHRA Yellow Card in the **Google Play** or **Apple App Store**. By reporting side effects you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.