

# Granityle Injection

## Granisetron (1mg) Injection

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### Description

Granisetron Injection is a selective serotonin 5-HT<sub>3</sub> receptor antagonist used to prevent and treat nausea and vomiting caused by chemotherapy, radiation therapy, and surgical procedures. By blocking serotonin's action on 5-HT<sub>3</sub> receptors in the brain and gastrointestinal tract, Granisetron effectively controls nausea and vomiting associated with these treatments.

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### Composition

- **Active Ingredient:** Granisetron 1 mg per 1 mL of solution
  - **Formulation:** Clear, sterile solution for intravenous or intramuscular administration
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### Mechanism of Action

Granisetron works by selectively binding to 5-HT<sub>3</sub> receptors located in the chemoreceptor trigger zone (CTZ) and on the vagus nerve terminals in the gastrointestinal tract. This inhibition prevents the action of serotonin, a neurotransmitter implicated in triggering nausea and vomiting reflexes.

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### Indications

Granisetron Injection is indicated for:

1. Prevention of acute nausea and vomiting associated with highly or moderately emetogenic chemotherapy.

2. Prevention of nausea and vomiting due to radiotherapy (especially total body irradiation or abdominal radiation).
  3. Prevention and treatment of postoperative nausea and vomiting (PONV).
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### Dosage and Administration

- **Chemotherapy-Induced Nausea and Vomiting (CINV):**
  - **Adults:** 1 mg administered intravenously (IV) over 30 seconds, given 30 minutes before chemotherapy. Alternatively, 3 mg may be diluted in 50–100 mL of compatible IV fluid and infused over 5 minutes.
  - **Pediatrics:** 10–40 mcg/kg administered IV before chemotherapy.
- **Radiotherapy-Induced Nausea and Vomiting:**
  - **Adults:** 1 mg IV within 1 hour of radiation exposure.
- **Postoperative Nausea and Vomiting (PONV):**
  - **Adults:** 1 mg IV before anesthesia induction or as needed.

### Administration Route:

- Administer via intravenous (IV) or intramuscular (IM) injection as prescribed.
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### Contraindications

- Hypersensitivity to Granisetron or any of its components.
- Use with caution in patients with known QT interval prolongation or electrolyte imbalances.

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## Warnings and Precautions

- 1. Cardiovascular Effects:** Monitor patients with cardiac conditions or on concomitant QT-prolonging drugs.
- 2. Serotonin Syndrome Risk:** Use with caution when combined with serotonergic drugs like SSRIs or SNRIs. Symptoms include agitation, hallucinations, tachycardia, and hyperreflexia.
- 3. Pregnancy and Lactation:** Use only if clearly needed and prescribed by a physician.
- 4. Liver Function Impairment:** Dose adjustment may be necessary in patients with severe hepatic impairment.

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## Adverse Effects

- **Common:** Headache, constipation, or dizziness.
- **Less Common:** Fatigue, diarrhea, or transient increases in liver enzymes.
- **Rare but Severe:** Hypersensitivity reactions (e.g., anaphylaxis), QT prolongation, or serotonin syndrome when used with other serotonergic agents.

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## Drug Interactions

- **QT-Prolonging Drugs:** Increased risk of QT interval prolongation (e.g., antiarrhythmics, certain antibiotics).
- **Serotonergic Agents:** Risk of serotonin syndrome when used with SSRIs, SNRIs, or MAO inhibitors.

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## Storage Instructions

- **Store at controlled room temperature (15°C to 30°C).**
- **Protect from light and freezing.**
- **Keep out of reach of children.**

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## Benefits

- 1. Potent Anti-Emetic:** Effectively prevents and treats nausea and vomiting caused by chemotherapy, radiotherapy, or surgery.
- 2. Selective Action:** Targets 5-HT<sub>3</sub> receptors without affecting other serotonin pathways, reducing side effects.
- 3. Fast Onset:** Provides rapid relief, especially when given intravenously.

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## Presentation

- Available as a single-dose vial containing 1 mg of Granisetron in 1 mL of solution.
- Packaged in sterile ampoules for injection.

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**Note:** Granisetron Injection is a prescription-only medication and should be used under the supervision of a healthcare professional. Tailor the dosage and frequency according to individual patient needs and therapeutic response.

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