

Is Alzheimer's Affecting Your Family?

Introducing Donezil™ (donepezil hydrochloride)

**A new brand choice in
Alzheimer's medication
that could save you money**



Donezil™ (donepezil hydrochloride) is a prescription medicine for someone with mild, moderate and severe Alzheimer's disease to assist with memory, clarity of thought and the undertaking of daily activities.

Until recently there was only one brand of donepezil medication on the New Zealand market – brand name of Aricept®. With the introduction of Donezil™ there is now a second brand available to New Zealanders currently receiving treatment for Alzheimer's disease.

Donezil™ contains the same active ingredient as Aricept® but has a different name because a different company markets it.


Donezil™ has gone through the same rigorous registration procedure required of all medicines in New Zealand. It

has been thoroughly evaluated and then registered, with consent being granted for distribution in New Zealand.

Whilst neither Aricept® or Donezil™ are funded on the Pharmaceutical Schedule, making them both private prescriptions paid by you or a family member, there is however one very important difference with Donezil™.

The difference with Donezil™ is the cost. By dispensing Donezil™, your pharmacist should now be able to provide this medicine to you at a significantly lower cost than the cost you may currently be paying. To find out exactly how much you could save on your next donepezil script, speak with your Pharmacist or consult with your Doctor to see if Donezil™ is right for you.



DONEZIL (donepezil hydrochloride) 5 & 10 mg film coated tablets are used for the treatment of mild, moderate and severe Alzheimer's disease and for the treatment of vascular dementia. Medicines have benefits and some may have risks. Common side effects include: headache, dizziness, diarrhoea, muscle cramps, body pain, tiredness (fatigue), nausea, vomiting and difficulty sleeping. Do not take Donezil if you have an allergy to any of the ingredients or piperidine derivatives, or if you are breastfeeding. Tell your doctor if you have heart problems, a history of gastric or duodenal ulcer, asthma or any other respiratory (lung) problems, seizures, or if you are pregnant. Tell your doctor if you are going to have surgery or if you are taking any other medicines including those you may have purchased from a pharmacy, supermarket or health food shop. Donezil may affect your ability to perform skilled tasks. Be careful driving or operating machinery until you know how Donezil affects you. Always read the label carefully and use strictly as directed. If symptoms persist or you have side effects, see your health professional. Full Consumer Medicine Information (CMI) is available on the Medsafe website www.medsafe.govt.nz. For further information, ask your health professional. Donezil is an unfunded Prescription Medicine. You will need to pay for this medicine. Normal doctor's fees apply. Ask your doctor if Donezil is right for you. Marketed by Mylan New Zealand Limited, Auckland. TAPS NA3430  Mylan Aricept® is a registered trademark Eisai Co.Ltd