

## **Aducanumab: Patient drug information**

**Brand Names: US:** Aduhelm

### **What is this drug used for?**

•It is used to treat Alzheimer's disease. Alzheimer disease (AD) is a neurodegenerative disorder of uncertain cause and pathogenesis that primarily affects older adults and is the most common cause of dementia.

### **What are some things I need to know or do while I take this drug?**

- Tell all of your health care providers that you take this drug. This includes your doctors, nurses, pharmacists, and dentists.
- You will need to have MRI scans as you have been told by your doctor.
- Tell your doctor if you are pregnant, plan on getting pregnant, or are breast-feeding. You will need to talk about the benefits and risks to you and the baby.

### **What are some side effects that I need to call my doctor about right away?**

- Signs of an allergic reaction, like rash; hives; itching; red, swollen, blistered, or peeling skin with or without fever; wheezing; tightness in the chest or throat; trouble breathing, swallowing, or talking; unusual hoarseness; or swelling of the mouth, face, lips, tongue, or throat.
- Falls.
- Weakness on one side of the body, trouble speaking or thinking, change in balance, drooping on one side of the face, or blurred eyesight.
- A health problem called ARIA (amyloid related imaging abnormalities) is common with this drug. Most of the time, people do not have symptoms but sometimes ARIA can be severe. Call your doctor right away if you have a headache, dizziness, upset stomach, change in eyesight, or feel confused.

### **What are some other side effects of this drug?**

All drugs may cause side effects. However, many people have no side effects or only have minor side effects. Call your doctor or get medical help if any of these side effects or any other side effects bother you or do not go away:

- Diarrhea.

### **How is this drug best taken?**

- It is given as an infusion into a vein over a period of time.