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## Important things to remember about your GILENYA treatment

## The first time you take GILENYA® (fingolimod)

• Slow heart rate and irregular heartbeat—At the beginning of treatment, GILENYA causes the heart rate to slow down. This may make you feel dizzy or lower your blood pressure. Your doctor will ask you to stay at the clinic for 6 hours after taking the first dose so appropriate measures can be taken if side effects occur. The same precaution applies if you are resuming treatment after a break of more than 2 weeks

## While you are taking GILENYA® (fingolimod)

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- Infections While you are taking GILENYA you may get infections more easily. If you think you have an infection, have a fever, or feel like you have the flu, during, and up to 2 months after treatment, call your doctor right away
- Visual symptoms—GILENYA may cause swelling at the back of the eye, a condition that is known as macular oedema. Tell your doctor about any changes in your vision, during, and up to 2 months after treatment
- Liver function—GILENYA can cause abnormal results in liver function tests. You will need a blood test prior to treatment initiation and at months 1, 3, and 6 during GILENYA therapy and periodically thereafter
- **Pregnancy**—You should avoid becoming pregnant while taking GILENYA and in the 2 months after you stop taking the treatment because there is a risk of harm to the baby. Talk with your doctor about reliable methods of birth control that you should use during treatment and for 2 months after you stop treatment. Immediately report to your doctor any (intended or unintended) pregnancy during and for 2 months following discontinuation of treatment with GILENYA