

## **Risk of cancers**

RINVOQ® may potentially increase your risk of developing cancers particularly skin cancer.

Let your doctor know if you notice any change in the appearance of an area on your skin, or notice any new growth on your skin.

## **Risk of a hole in your bowel**

RINVOQ® may increase your risk of a hole in your bowel especially if you have Crohn's disease. Tell your doctor straight away if you have unexplained or unexpected stomach pain.

Show this card to any healthcare professional involved in your medical care – for example, your dentist or an emergency doctor.

▼This medicinal product is subject to additional monitoring. This will allow quick identification of new safety information. For any side effects please report to the Medicines Authority at [www.medicinesauthority.gov.mt/adrportal](http://www.medicinesauthority.gov.mt/adrportal) or contact AbbVie's local representative V. J. Salomone Pharma Ltd. At +356 99644126.

Your name:

Consultant's name – who prescribed RINVOQ®:

Consultant's phone number:

The date you started RINVOQ®:

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## **Patient Card**

**Keep this card with you (or caregiver) all the time**

**Safety Information about RINVOQ®  
(upadacitinib) for patients**

- This card contains important safety information you should be aware of – before and during treatment with RINVOQ®.
- Read the patient information leaflet for more information.

## **Risk of infections**

RINVOQ® may make an existing infection worse or increase the chance of you getting a new infection – for example tuberculosis (TB), shingles or viral hepatitis.

Tell your doctor straight away if you notice signs of infection, such as:

- Fever, sweating, chills, weight loss, or a cough that won't go away – these may be signs of TB.
- Painful skin rash with blisters – this may be a sign of shingles.
- Feeling tired or short of breath – this may be a sign of pneumonia.

## **Vaccines – used to help prevent infections**

Live vaccines (for example influenza vaccine by nasal spray, varicella, measles/mumps/rubella) should not be given during RINVOQ® treatment, or just before starting RINVOQ® treatment.

Before being given any vaccines, talk to your doctor – they will know which vaccines you should not be given before or during treatment with RINVOQ®.

## **Risk of heart disease**

Treatment with RINVOQ® was associated with increases in cholesterol (blood fat). Your doctor will check your cholesterol levels while you are taking RINVOQ®.

Tell your doctor straight away if you notice symptoms such as chest pain or tightness since this may be a symptom of heart disease.

## **Contraception, pregnancy, and breast-feeding**

RINVOQ® must not be taken during pregnancy.

- Use effective contraception while taking RINVOQ® – and for 4 weeks after your last dose. Talk to your doctor about effective contraception.
- Tell your doctor straight away if you wish to become pregnant, or if you become pregnant.
- Do not breast-feed while using RINVOQ®.

## **Risk of blood clots in veins or lungs**

Blood clots in veins or lungs have been observed with RINVOQ®. Tell your doctor straight away if you get signs of blood clots in veins or lungs, such as a painful swollen leg, shortness of breath, or chest pain.