

# Gilenya® (fingolimod): Pregnancy-Specific Patient Reminder Card

# Contraindication

**IF USED DURING PREGNANCY,  
GILENYA CAN HARM YOUR UNBORN  
BABY.**

**Gilenya (fingolimod) must not be used  
in pregnant women and women of  
child-bearing potential not using  
effective contraception.**

It is important that you use effective  
contraception while taking Gilenya and for  
2 months after you stop taking it to avoid  
becoming pregnant. Your doctor will  
provide counselling regarding effective  
contraception.

# Beginning Gilenya treatment



Gilenya is teratogenic (an agent which causes harm or abnormalities in the development of the embryo or fetus following exposure during pregnancy, resulting in birth defects or malformations).

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At the start of your treatment and then regularly during treatment, your doctor will inform you about the teratogenic risk and required actions to minimize this risk.

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A pregnancy test must be conducted and the negative result verified by a doctor before starting treatment.

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Your doctor will inform you about the need for effective contraception while on treatment and for 2 months after discontinuation. Talk to your doctor about the most effective contraception options available to you.

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Please read the Gilenya Patient Guide Leaflet provided by your doctor.

# While you are taking Gilenya



Women must not become pregnant during Gilenya treatment and for 2 months after discontinuing treatment.

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Women must use effective contraception while taking Gilenya and for 2 months after discontinuing treatment.

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Pregnancy tests must be repeated at suitable intervals.

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Your doctor will provide counselling regularly regarding the risks of Gilenya harming an unborn baby if you become pregnant and required actions to minimize the risk.

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If you become pregnant or if you want to become pregnant, Gilenya treatment **must be discontinued**.

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Inform your doctor **immediately** if you think you are pregnant. Your doctor will provide counselling in the event of pregnancy and an evaluation of the potential outcome of any pregnancy.

# After stopping Gilenya treatment



**Inform your doctor immediately** if you believe your MS is getting worse (e.g. weakness or visual changes) or if you notice any new symptoms after stopping treatment with Gilenya due to pregnancy.

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Effective contraception is needed for 2 months after stopping Gilenya treatment because of the length of time it takes for Gilenya to leave the body.

## Further information and questions



For more information about MS and Gilenya, please see <http://www.medicinesauthority.gov.mt/rmm>

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Please read the package insert for more detailed information about the appropriate use of Gilenya.  
For more detailed guidance on GILENYA please refer to the Summary of Product Characteristics (SmPC) available at <https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/medicines/human/EPAR/gilenya>

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If you have any questions about the information in this guide, please contact your doctor.

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