

Medication Information Card - for Renal Patients

Cinacalcet (Sin – ah – CAL – set)

Other names for this medication

Sensipar[®]

How this medication is used

This medication helps to slow the progression of bone disease in renal patients on dialysis. It decreases the release of hormones from the parathyroid gland and helps lower calcium levels.

How to take this medication

Take this medication regularly. This medication comes in tablet form only. Take this medication with a small amount of water and food. Count this fluid in your daily fluid allowance. Do not crush or chew this medication.

If you miss a dose of this medication, take it as soon as possible. However, if it is almost time for the next dose, skip the missed dose and go back to your regular time. Do not take 2 doses at one time.

While taking this medication you may notice

- diarrhea
- nausea
- vomiting

Contact your doctor if you notice

- abdominal cramping or pain
- cramps in the back or legs
- muscle aches, pains
- tenderness or weakness
- burning, numbness, or tingling of the face, lips, tongue, hands or feet
- confusion
- depression
- problems swallowing or breathing
- hallucinations
- seizures