

Donepezil is a medication used in the treatment of Alzheimer's disease. Alzheimer's is a type of dementia that affects memory, thinking, and behaviour. Donepezil is a type of drug called a cholinesterase inhibitor. It works by increasing the amount of a neurotransmitter called acetylcholine in the brain. Acetylcholine is involved in memory and learning, so increasing its levels can help improve cognitive function.

Donepezil is used to treat mild to moderate Alzheimer's disease. It may help improve memory, attention, and language abilities. However, it does not cure the disease and may only provide temporary relief of symptoms.

Common side effects of donepezil include nausea, diarrhoea, vomiting, muscle cramps, and fatigue. More serious side effects can include slowed heart rate and fainting. Donepezil may also interact with other medications, so it is important to inform your specialist of any other medications you are taking.

Monitoring for donepezil is generally done through regular check-ins with your doctor. They may monitor your cognitive function, as well as any potential side effects. It is important to report any changes in symptoms or side effects to your specialist or GP.

