

Sativex Supply Information for Patients



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What is Sativex?

Sativex is a cannabis-based product classified as a Schedule 2, Part 1 (Class B1) controlled drug product under the Misuse of Drug Act 1975. Sativex is an oromucosal (mouth) spray administering a metered, actuated dose containing the cannabis extracts delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) (2.7 mg/spray) and cannabidiol (CBD) (2.5 mg/spray).

How do I store Sativex?¹

- Do not use Sativex after the expiry date shown on the product packaging. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.
- Store unopened Sativex upright in its carton in a refrigerator (2°C to 8°C). If it is not stored in a refrigerator it will become unstable and is unlikely to work.
- Store opened Sativex in an upright position below 25°C. Keep away from heat and direct sunlight.
- Do not use Sativex after it has been open for 42 days (10 mL).
- Unless your doctor tells you to, do not keep medicines that you no longer need.

Is Sativex funded?

Sativex is not funded by PHARMAC. Your pharmacy will be able to advise you of the costs associated with your prescription for Sativex.

Consumer information leaflet

The consumer information leaflet for Sativex is available from the Medsafe website (<https://medsafe.govt.nz/consumers/cmi/s/sativex.pdf>)

Questions

Should you have any questions relating to Sativex please discuss these with your pharmacist.

¹ Sativex Consumer Information Leaflet available at <https://medsafe.govt.nz/consumers/cmi/s/sativex.pdf>