

**PACKAGE LEAFLET:  
INFORMATION FOR THE USER**

# Surmontil® 25mg Film-Coated Tablets

(trimipramine maleate)

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## 1. What Surmontil is and what it is used for

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- Pain killers such as tramadol
- **Buprenorphine/opioids.** These medicines may interact with Surmontil and you may experience symptoms such as involuntary, rhythmic contractions of muscles, including the muscles that control movement of the eye, agitation, hallucinations, coma, excessive sweating, tremor, exaggeration of reflexes, increased muscle tension, body temperature above 38°C. Contact your doctor when experiencing such symptoms.
- Macrolide antibiotics, antifungals or fluoroquinolones.

**Anaesthetics**

If you are going to have an anaesthetic (for an operation), tell your doctor or dentist that you are taking Surmontil.

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You should avoid drinking alcohol while taking Surmontil.

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Talk to your doctor before taking this medicine if you are pregnant, might become pregnant, or think you may be pregnant.

Do not breast-feed if you are taking Surmontil.

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Surmontil may make you feel sleepy or less alert. If this happens, do not drive or use any tools or machines.

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### Taking this medicine

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- It may take 7 to 10 days before feel the full benefit of the medicine
- If you feel the effect of your medicine is too weak or too strong, do not change the dose yourself but ask your doctor

### How much to take

#### Adults:

##### Depression

- Adults usually start by taking 50mg to 75mg each day.
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## 4. Possible side effects

Like all medicines, Surmontil can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them.

### Stop taking Surmontil and see a doctor or go to a hospital straight away if:

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- Feeling drowsy or sleepy
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- Tremor (shaking)
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