

Migraine Medicines

Two Types Of Migraine Medicines

- Relief Medicines help manage migraine pain after it starts.
- Preventive Medicines help keep migraines from starting.

You may need one or both kinds of medicines. Work with your doctor to find what is best for you.

Relief Medicines

- Are taken at the first sign of migraine pain.
- Help manage migraine pain after it starts.
- Work quickly to help migraine pain.
- May help with nausea or other symptoms.
- Come in pills or other forms.

Preventive Medicines

- Are taken every day, even when you do not have a headache.
- Help keep migraines from starting.
- May help you have fewer migraines.
- Work only when taken every day.
- Usually come in pill form.

Be sure to tell your doctor:

- If your migraine medicines do not work for you.
- If you have any problems with your migraine medicines.
- If you have any changes in your health.
- If you take other medicines.
- If you plan to get pregnant, are pregnant, or if you are nursing a baby.