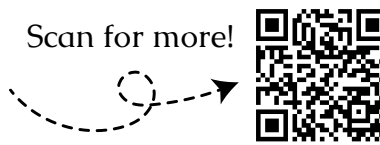


# Upadacitinib

RINVOQ®



## What this medication is used for

Currently being studied for Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis in children.



Health  
Canada

Health Canada approved for Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis in adults.



## How this medication works

Upadacitinib works by targeting a specific part of the immune system responsible for inflammation. It belongs to a group of medications called JAK inhibitors.



## Special tests done prior to starting

Tests to screen for infections including tuberculosis and immunity to various viruses



## How to use this medication

Available as tablets, to be taken once a day. Tablets must be swallowed whole and not be cut, chewed, crushed or dissolved.

While taking this medication, you should not eat grapefruit or drink grapefruit juice.



## Where treatment is administered

Fill your prescription at your pharmacy.



## How long to use this medication

This medication may be used to get your IBD under control and keep it under control long-term.



## Monitoring during treatment

Regular blood tests, stool tests, endoscopy and/or other imaging will be done to monitor for response and side effects to medications.



## Side Effects

Low levels of red blood cells, white blood cells and/or platelets.

- Risk of infection
- Inflammation of the liver
- High blood cholesterol
- Acne

The following adverse events have rarely occurred in adults, and are even more rare in children :

- Thrombosis (blood clots)
- Major cardiovascular events (stroke, heart attack)
- Some forms of cancer



## When I should call my doctor

Please call if:

- You want to or have already stopped the medicine
- If you are concerned about any side effects
- Worsening IBD symptoms such as blood in the stool, diarrhea and/or abdominal pain
- If you become pregnant



## Vaccines



Live vaccines  
- Not Safe



Inactivated vaccines  
- Safe