

Questions and Answers to Current Events About AVANDIA® (rosiglitazone maleate)

You may have heard recent news reports about the safety of AVANDIA® (rosiglitazone maleate). Here is some additional information to discuss with your healthcare provider related to these reports.

What do these news reports on the risk of heart attack mean for patients taking AVANDIA?

As stated by the FDA, patients who are taking AVANDIA, especially those with underlying heart disease or those who are at high risk of heart attack, should talk to their doctor about this new information.

Should I stop taking AVANDIA?

No, you should not stop taking AVANDIA, or any medication, without first consulting with your physician. Type 2 diabetes is a serious condition that often requires medication along with diet and exercise. If you have questions or concerns, or are experiencing new symptoms, you should call your healthcare provider.

Is there a recall, or withdrawal, of AVANDIA?

No, there has not been a recall or withdrawal of AVANDIA from the market. GSK will continue to supply AVANDIA, which is an important medication for the treatment of type 2 diabetes.

Does GSK believe AVANDIA is safe?

Please be assured that GlaxoSmithKline has full confidence in the safety profile of AVANDIA when used appropriately. AVANDIA is an important treatment option to keep blood sugar levels under control. As always, treatment decisions are made by physicians after carefully weighing the overall benefit of treatment versus any possible risk for each patient.

GSK has a large database on the safety of AVANDIA and continues to study AVANDIA in long-term trials. Patient safety is a top priority for GSK.

Please see the attached Patient Information Leaflet (PIL) for AVANDIA.

When should I call my doctor?

You should contact your doctor whenever you have a question or concern about your medication, or a change in health status. Tell your doctor if you have heart problems or heart failure.

Is AVANDIA right for me?

Only your doctor can decide if AVANDIA, or any other medication, is right for you.

Does this information also relate to AVANDAMET® (rosiglitazone maleate/metformin HCl) and AVANDARYL™ (rosiglitazone maleate and glimepiride)?

Yes, AVANDAMET and AVANDARYL contain the same active ingredient as AVANDIA. Patients taking these medications should discuss any concerns with their healthcare provider so they can make informed decisions about their healthcare.