



Treatment & medication

Tacrolimus

Other names: Prograf, Advagraf, Modigraf.

What is it and how does it work?

A medicine that suppresses the immune system and prevents rejection following transplantation.

What does it look like and how is it given?

- A capsule or suspension that is taken by mouth (oral).
- A clear liquid that is administered as an infusion into a vein (intravenous).

Short-term side effects (within 24 hours)

- Nausea and vomiting
- Diarrhea, gastrointestinal complaints

Long-term side effects

- Elevated blood pressure
- Diabetes
- Headache
- Insomnia
- Impaired kidney function
- Disrupted electrolyte balance

Special instructions

- If your child vomits within 30 minutes after taking the medicine, please check prinsesmaximacentrum.nl/regimens

under the heading 'Medicine' to see what you should do.

- Ensure that your child takes this medicine 1 hour before, or 2 to 3 hours after a meal.
- This medicine must **not** be combined with grapefruit (juice), as this can affect the functioning of the medicine.
- Avoid the sun and use sunscreen with a high sun protection factor (SPF).

Specifics

Blood will be sampled regularly to check whether your child is receiving the correct dose, and to limit side effects as much as possible.