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**'Jet Plane, Blue, Red, Yellow, Green, Boxes, Arrows on Grand Parade, Chinese Version'**

(detail) by John the Painter (gouache on brown paper, 214 x 511 cm)

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Because of my illness, I'm no longer the same,

BUT reach out AND touch me

I'm more than a name.

MORE THAN A NAME by Jerry Ham (Alzheimer's carer)

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ARICEPT™ (donepezil hydrochloride) Please refer to the SmPC before prescribing ARICEPT 5 mg or ARICEPT 10 mg. **Indication:** Symptomatic treatment of mild to moderately severe Alzheimer's dementia. **Dose and administration:** Adults/elderly: 5 mg daily which may be increased to 10 mg once daily after at least one month. No dose adjustment necessary for patients with renal impairment. Dose escalation, according to tolerability, should be performed in patients with mild to moderate hepatic impairment. **Children:** Not recommended. **Contra-Indications:** Pregnancy. Hypersensitivity to donepezil, piperidine derivatives or any excipients used in ARICEPT. **Lactation:** Excretion into breast milk unknown. Women on donepezil should not breast feed. **Warnings and**

**Precautions:** Initiation and supervision by a physician with experience of Alzheimer's dementia. A caregiver should be available to monitor compliance. Regular monitoring to ensure continued therapeutic benefit, consider discontinuation when evidence of a therapeutic effect ceases. Exaggeration of succinylcholine-type muscle relaxation. Avoid concurrent use of anticholinesterases, cholinergic agonists, cholinergic antagonists, possibility of vagotonic effect on the heart which may be particularly important with "sick sinus syndrome", and supra-ventricular conduction conditions. There have been reports of syncope and seizures - in such patients the possibility of heart block or long sinus pauses should be considered. Careful monitoring of patients at risk of ulcer disease including those receiving NSAIDs. Cholinomimetics may cause bladder outflow obstruction. Seizures occur in Alzheimer's disease and cholinomimetics have the potential to cause seizures and they may also have the potential to exacerbate or

induce extrapyramidal symptoms. Care in patients suffering asthma and obstructive pulmonary disease. As with all Alzheimer's patients, routine evaluation of ability to drive/operate machinery. No data available for patients with severe hepatic impairment. **Drug Interactions:** Experience of use with concomitant medications is limited, consider possibility of as yet unknown interactions. Interaction possible with inhibitors or inducers of Cytochrome P450; use such combinations with care. Possible synergistic activity with succinylcholine-type muscle relaxants, beta-blockers, cholinergic or anticholinergic agents. **Side effects:** Most commonly diarrhoea, muscle cramps, fatigue, nausea, vomiting, and insomnia. Common effects (>1/100, <1/10): common cold, anorexia, hallucinations, agitation, aggressive behaviour, syncope, dizziness, insomnia, diarrhoea, vomiting, nausea, abdominal disturbance, rash, pruritis, muscle cramps, urinary incontinence, headache, fatigue, pain, accident. Uncommon effects (>1/1000, <1/100):

seizure, bradycardia, gastrointestinal haemorrhage, gastric & duodenal ulcers, minor increases in serum creatine kinase. Rare (>1/100,000, <1/10,000): extrapyramidal symptoms, sino-atrial block, atrioventricular block, liver dysfunction including hepatitis. **Legal Category:** POM. **Presentation:** Blister packed in strips of 14. ARICEPT 5 mg; white, film coated tablets marked 5 and Aricept, packs of 28. ARICEPT 10 mg; yellow, film coated tablets marked 10 and Aricept, packs of 28. **Marketing authorisation numbers:** ARICEPT 5 mg; PA 822/2/1. ARICEPT 10 mg; PA 822/2/2. **Marketing authorisation holder:** Pfizer (Ireland) Limited, Parkway House, Ballymount Road Lower, Dublin 12, Republic of Ireland. **Further information from/Marketed by:** Pfizer (Ireland) Limited, Parkway House, Ballymount Road Lower, Dublin 12, Republic of Ireland. **Date of preparation:** January 2002



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