

What is this medicine for?

This medicine is used to treat and prevent return of symptoms of psychosis such as hearing or seeing things which are actually not present, confused or unreal thoughts, or uncontrolled anger.

It can also be used in Tourette's syndrome or to control severe behavioural problems in children.

This medication may be used for other conditions, check with your doctor.

Before using this medicine:

Tell your doctor if you have or have ever had heart, kidney, liver or severe lung disease; Parkinson's disease; seizures (fits); thyroid problems; urinary or prostate problems; glaucoma; irregular heartbeat; blood pressure problems; blood disorders; jaundice.

FOR WOMEN: Tell your doctor if you are pregnant, plan to become pregnant, or are breast-feeding.

How to use this medicine:

Follow the directions on your medicine label and take the medicine exactly as directed. Do not take more or less of it or take it more often than prescribed by your doctor.

Continue to take the medicine even if you feel well. Do not stop taking it without talking to your doctor, especially if you have taken large doses for a long time, otherwise your condition may worsen very quickly. This medicine must be taken regularly for a few weeks before its full effect is felt.

Precautions while taking this medicine:

- This medicine may make you drowsy or less alert. Do not drive or operate machinery if affected. Avoid alcohol.
- This medicine can make your skin more sensitive to sunlight. Avoid prolonged exposure, wear protective clothing or use sunscreen if necessary.
- This medicine may make you sweat less, causing your body temperature to increase. Use extra care not to become overheated during strenuous exercise or hot weather.
- When you take this medicine with some other medicines, it may affect how they work. Be sure that you tell all doctors, pharmacists, dentists and other healthcare providers who treat you about all medicines and natural remedies you are taking.

What should I do if I forget a dose?

Take the missed dose as soon as you remember it. However, if it is more than half way between the doses, skip the missed dose and take your medicine at the usual time.

Do not take two doses at the same time to make up for a missed one.

Possible Side Effects

Like all medications, this medication may also cause some POSSIBLE side effects in some people. Everyone responds differently to medications; so not everyone experiences any or all of them

COMMON (Generally affect up to 10% of patients)

Most of these side effects below will get better or go away completely with continued medication taking as your body gets used to this medication. Contact your doctor or pharmacist should they become too bothersome to you.

- ~ Drowsiness
- ~ Tremor or shaking
- ~ Dry mouth (suck ice chips or sugarless candy if necessary)
- ~ Constipation
- ~ Dizziness
- ~ Changes in menstrual cycle

FOR URGENT ATTENTION

Check with your doctor as soon as possible if you have any of the following:

- ~ Rash, swelling in the face or chest tightness
- ~ Severe muscle stiffness
- ~ Muscle spasms (such as in the neck, back or eyelids)
- ~ Twitching or uncontrollable movements (such as in the face, tongue or jaw)
- ~ Restlessness / inability to sit still
- ~ High fever
- ~ Confusion
- ~ Blurred vision
- ~ Difficulty in passing urine
- ~ Fast or irregular heartbeat
- ~ Seizures (fits)
- ~ Yellowing of skin and eyes

If you have any concerns about your medications or if you have other side effects that you think are caused by this medicine, please consult with your doctor or pharmacist.

Where should I store the medicine?

Store this medication at room temperature, away from direct light, heat and moisture (not in the bathroom) and out of reach of children.
Throw away any medication that is expired or no longer needed.

Do not share the medication with other people.

Ask your doctor or pharmacist for more information or if you have any questions.

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Child Guidance Clinic (HPB) Pharmacy: 64353807

Child Guidance (Sunrise Wing) Pharmacy: 63892410

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