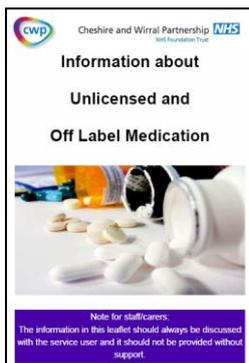


Information about Aripiprazole

This is an easy way to say...Ari ...pip...ra...zole



What is Aripiprazole?



Aripiprazole is a medication that will help if you have psychosis or schizophrenia.

It is also used to help people with bipolar mood disorder.

Aripiprazole can be used **off label** to help people with behaviour problems.

We have a leaflet which tells you what **off label** means.

Aripiprazole can sometimes be called a different name like **Abilify**.

Aripiprazole can be taken as tablets or liquid medicine.

Where do I get Aripiprazole?



You can only get this medication with a prescription

The doctor or consultant

- Will ask you questions about your health
- May also check your blood pressure
- May check your weight
- Will ask you if you are taking other medication
- Will tell you when you need to have blood tests
- Will tell you when you need to have an electrocardiograph

An electrocardiograph is a test to check your heart

How do I take Aripiprazole?



The doctor will talk to you about how much Aripiprazole you need to take.



The doctor will tell you how to take your Aripiprazole. You need to take Aripiprazole for some time so that it works best.



You will usually take Aripiprazole in the morning.



If you forget to take your medication you must tell your carer and ask your doctor for advice.

You should not stop taking your medication suddenly as this could make you feel unwell.



What is good about Aripiprazole?



Aripiprazole can help if you have psychosis and schizophrenia.

Aripiprazole can also help if you have bipolar mood disorder.



Aripiprazole can help you stop wanting to hurt yourself or others.

Aripiprazole also helps you to stop feeling very angry or tense.



What is not good about Aripiprazole?



There are some health problems that people can get when they take Aripiprazole.

These problems are called side effects but not everyone gets them

- Problems with sleeping
- Feeling very anxious and restless
- Feeling sick
- Have constipation
- Headache

Usually these side effects go away after a few weeks.

You will need to speak to your doctor if you

- Have a rash on your skin
- Feel your heart going faster
- Feel unwell

What other things do I need to talk to the doctor about?



You should talk to your doctor if

- You are worried about your medication.
- You want to know how much alcohol is safe to drink when taking medication.
- You are planning to have a baby.

The information in this easy read leaflet should always be discussed with the service user and it should not be provided without support.

The full information sheet about Aripiprazole medication should also be given to service user, carers and staff.

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