

Information about Flupentixol Decanoate Injection

This is an easy way to say...Flu.. pen..thick..sol

What is Flupentixol?



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

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

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



Flupentixol can sometimes be called a different names like **Depixol and Flupentixol Decanoate**

Flupentixol is given as an injection.

Where do I get Flupentixol?



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 a blood test



How do I take Flupentixol?



The doctor will talk to you about how much Flupentixol you need to be given.

The doctor will tell you how often you will be given Flupentixol.

You need to take Flupentixol for some time so that it works best.



You will usually be given Flupentixol every two weeks. Sometimes you may only need to be given Flupentixol every four weeks.



If you miss having your injection you must tell your carer and ask your doctor for advice.



You must talk to your doctor before you stop having your injection as this could make you feel unwell.



What is good about Flupentixol?



Flupentixol can help if you have schizophrenia or psychosis.

Flupentixol can help you get better quicker.



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

Flupentixol also helps you stop feeling very angry or tense.



What is not good about Flupentixol?



There are some health problems that people can get when they are given Flupentixol.

These problems are called **side effects** but not everyone gets them.

- Feel hungry and putting on weight
- Have constipation
- Feeling tired
- Feel thirsty

You should eat a healthy diet and drink more water or fruit juice.

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
- Develop problems with your periods
- Problems with your breasts
- Lose interest in sex
- Feel anxious and restless
- Feel stiff or your muscles shake
- 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 Flupentixol medication should also be given to service user, carers and staff.

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