

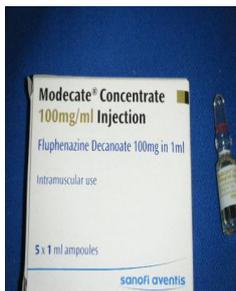
Information about Fluphenazine

Decanoate Injection

This is an easy way to say...Flu..fen..az..ine



What is Fluphenazine?



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

Fluphenazine can sometimes be called a different names like **Modecate and Fluphenazine Decanoate**

Fluphenazine is given as an injection.

Where do I get Fluphenazine?



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
- Will 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 Fluphenazine?



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

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

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



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



Fluphenazine can help if you have schizophrenia or psychosis.

Fluphenazine can help you get better quicker.



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

Fluphenazine also helps you to calm more quickly when you are very angry or tense.



What is not good about Fluphenazine?



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



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 stiff
- Feel anxious and restless
- Your muscles may 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 Fluphenazine medication should also be given to service users, carers and staff.

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