

Information about Chlorpromazine



This is an easy way to say...Clo ...pro... ma...zeen

What is Chlorpromazine?



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

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

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

Chlorpromazine can sometimes be called a different name like:

Largactil and Chloractil

Chlorpromazine can be taken as tablets or liquid medicine.

Where do I get Chlorpromazine?



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 ask you if you are taking other medication
- May check your weight
- Will tell you if you need a blood test
- Will tell you when you need to have an electrocardiograph



An electrocardiograph is a test to check your heart

How do I take Chlorpromazine?



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



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



You can take Chlorpromazine up to three times a day.

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 Chlorpromazine?



Chlorpromazine can help reduce psychosis
schizophrenia and mania.

Chlorpromazine can help you get better quicker.

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

Chlorpromazine also helps you to calm when you are
very angry or tense.



What is not good about Chlorpromazine?



When you go out in the sun you need to wear sun cream as your skin may burn more easily.

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

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

- Feeling thirsty
- Feeling dizzy
- Feel hungry and put on weight
- Have constipation

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

You will need to speak to your doctor if you

- Have a rash on your skin
- Feel your heart going faster
- Feel stiff
- Feel your muscles shake
- Feel anxious and restless
- Problems with your breasts
- Problems with your periods
- Lose interest in sex
- 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 are planning to have a baby.
- You want to know how much alcohol is safe to drink when taking medication.

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 Chlorpromazine medication should also be given to service user, carers and staff.

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