

Information about Quetiapine

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What is Quetiapine?



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

It is also used to help if you have bipolar mood disorder.

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

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

Quetiapine can sometimes be called a different name like: **Seroquel**.

Quetiapine is taken as tablets.

Where do I get Quetiapine?



You can only get this medication with a prescription.

The doctor or consultant

- Will ask you questions about your health
- Will ask you if you are taking other medication
- May also check your blood pressure
- May check your weight
- 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 Quetiapine?



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



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



You will usually take Quetiapine in the morning and in the evening. Sometimes you may take Quetiapine once a day.



If you forget to take your medication you need 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 Quetiapine?



Quetiapine can help reduce psychosis schizophrenia and bipolar mood disorder.

Quetiapine can help you get better quicker.



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

Quetiapine also helps you stop feeling angry or tense.



What is not good about Quetiapine?



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

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

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

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 their skin
- Feel stiff
- 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 Quetiapine medication should also be given to the service user, carers and staff.

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