

Information about Zuclopenthixol Decanoate Injection



This is an easy way to say...

Zoo...clo...pen..tick..sol

What is Zuclopenthixol?



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

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

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

Zuclopenthixol can sometimes be called a different names like **Clopixol and Zuclopenthixol Decanoate**
Zuclopenthixol is given as an injection.



Where do I get Zuclopenthixol Injection?



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 if you need to have 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 Zuclopenthixol?



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

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

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



You will usually be given Zuclopenthixol injection every two weeks.

Sometimes you may only need to be given Zuclopenthixol 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 Zuclophenthixol Injection?



Zuclophenthixol can help if you have schizophrenia or psychosis.

Zuclophenthixol can help you get better quicker.



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

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



What is not good about Zuclopenthixol Injection?



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



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
- Feel your heart going faster
- Feel stiff
- Your muscles may shake
- Feel anxious and restless
- 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 Zuclopenthixol medication should also be given to the service user, carers and staff.

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