



ZYPREXA - INFORMED CONSENT FOR MEDICATION

Medication Category: Novel antipsychotic	Medications in this Category: olanzepine (Zyprexa)
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Anticipated dosage range: _____

About Your Medicine: Olanzapine is an antipsychotic medication that is used in the treatment of schizophrenia and other psychotic illnesses. It appears to affect several different brain neurotransmitters.

Side Effects: Every medication is capable of producing side effects. Many people who take olanzepine experience no, or minor side effects. The frequency and severity of side effects depend on many factors including dose, duration of therapy and individual susceptibility.

Possible side effects include:

More common: Dullness or light headedness that occurs when rising quickly from a seated or lying position, insomnia, anxiety, drowsiness, nausea, constipation, runny nose, headache, agitation, and extra pyramidal side effects which include restlessness, shuffling gait, stiffness or muscle spasms in the arms or legs, shaking of the hands or fingers, etc.

Less Common: Occasionally more serious but, fortunately, less common side effects can occur. **Tardive dyskinesia** is an involuntary, uncontrollable movement disorder that may develop in patients treated with this medicine. These movements may be permanent. The risk of developing this problem appears related to the length of treatment and the total amount of medication used. **Neuroleptic malignant syndrome (NMS).** Symptoms include fever, muscle rigidity, altered mental status, and evidence of autonomic instability (irregular pulse or blood pressure, rapid heart beat, excessive sweating, cardiac dysrhythmia). This diagnosis is sometimes complicated and difficult to make. Should you note any of these side effects, contact your prescriber immediately. **Diabetes Mellitus** has been associated with this class of medication. Symptoms include but are not limited to dehydration, thirst, cardiovascular, kidney, and eye disease.

Should you note any of these side effects contact your prescriber immediately. Caution needs to be exercised in the use of this medication if the patient has a history of seizures or is pregnant or breast-feeding. Alcohol should be avoided when using this medication. Because of the possibility of sedation, be aware when driving a car or operating machinery that the medication could impair your judgment, etc., and do not engage in these activities until you are certain that it is not.

By my signature below, I give consent for the above-named medication to be administered and for a change of medication within this medication category. My signature also indicates that I am aware of, have read and discussed the reasons for the use of this medication, and its potential risks and benefits.

Client Signature: _____ Date Signed: _____

Witness Signature: _____ Date Signed: _____