

REMERON - INFORMED CONSENT FOR MEDICATION

Medication Category: antidepressant	Medication: mirtazapine (Remeron)
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Anticipated dosage range \_\_\_\_\_

About your medicine: Antidepressants are used in the treatment of Depression to decrease sadness, loss of interest in activities, irritability and anger, sleep and appetite problems, decreased energy, restlessness, low self-esteem, hopelessness, and suicidal thinking and attempts. This medication may be used alone or as part of a treatment program which may include psychological, social and educational components.

Side Effects: Every medication is capable of producing side effects. Many people who take antidepressants 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: occurring in at least 5% of those taking mirtazapine, somnolence, increased appetite, weight gain and dizziness.

Less Common: occurring in at least 1% of those taking mirtazapine, asthenia, flu syndrome, back pain, dry mouth, constipation, peripheral edema and edema, myalgia, abnormal dreams, thinking abnormally, tremor, confusion, dyspnea and urinary frequency.

Precautions: Patients who receive mirtazapine should be aware of the risk of developing agranulocytoses. Patients should be advised to contact their physician if they experience any indication of infections such as fever chills, sore throat, mucous membrane ulcerations or other possible signs of infections. Particular attention should be paid to any flu-like complaints or other symptoms that might suggest infection.

Mirtazapine may impair judgment, thinking, and particularly motor skills because of its prominent sedative effect. Thus patients should not engage in hazardous activities (such as driving, using machines, or performing tasks that require alertness) until they are reasonably certain that mirtazapine therapy does not adversely affect their ability to engage in such activities.

These medications can cause hypersensitivity (allergic) reactions including rash, hives, fever, etc. If this should occur medications should be discontinued and your doctor notified. In extremely agitated patients this medication needs to be used with caution as it can worsen this condition. On occasion the medications can adversely affect mood state.

These medications should not be used in patients with high blood pressure, hyperthyroidism, glaucoma, extremely agitated states or history of drug abuse. Let your doctor know if you are taking other medications in combination with stimulants. Medications that increase heart rate or blood pressure should be avoided. Nursing mothers and pregnant women should not take this medication.

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 \_\_\_\_\_