

How should I **STORE** the medicine?

Store the medicine in a cool, dry place. Protect from moisture, heat and direct sunlight.



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Patient Information Leaflet



Medicine To Treat Depression

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Keep all medication out of reach of children

ABOUT your medicine

Your doctor has prescribed for you:

Medicine	How does the medicine work?
<p><i>Tricyclic antidepressants (TCAs), e.g.:</i> Amitriptyline Clomipramine Dothiepin Imipramine Nortriptyline</p>	<p>Helps to reduce symptoms of depression by increasing the level and transmission of the neurotransmitter noradrenaline in the brain. Other than depression, the doctor might prescribe these medicines for other medical conditions, e.g. for nerve pain and nocturia (amitriptyline, nortriptyline).</p>
<p><i>Reversible monoamine-oxidase inhibitors (MAOIs), e.g.</i> Moclobemide</p>	<p>Helps to reduce symptoms of depression by increasing the level and transmission of the neurotransmitter noradrenaline in the brain.</p>
<p><i>Selective serotonin re-uptake inhibitors (SSRIs), e.g.</i> Fluoxetine Fluvoxamine Citalopram Sertraline Paroxetine</p>	<p>Helps to reduce symptoms of depression by increasing the level and transmission of the neurotransmitter serotonin in the brain. The doctor could also prescribe the medicines listed for other medical conditions, e.g. for panic and anxiety disorders.</p>
<p><i>Other antidepressants: e.g.</i> Mirtazapine Venlafaxine</p>	<p>Helps to reduce symptoms of depression by increasing the level and transmission of the neurotransmitters noradrenaline and serotonin in the brain.</p>

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HOW should I take the medicine?

Your doctor will instruct you on how much and how often you should take your medicine. Do not take more of the medicine or take it more often than what your doctor tells you to. You may take the medicine with or without food. Take your medicine at the same time each day.

You may need to take the medicine for up to several weeks before you start feeling better. Do not stop taking the medicine without checking with your doctor, first.

What should I do if I FORGET a dose?

If you miss a dose, take it as soon as you remember. However, if it is almost time for the next dose, skip the missed dose and continue with your regular dosing schedule. Do not double the dose to make up for the missed dose.

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What are the possible SIDE-EFFECTS of the medicine?

Medicine	See your doctor right away if you have any of these side-effects:	If you have problems with these less serious side-effects, talk with your doctor:
TCAs, e.g. Amitriptyline Clomipramine Dothiepin Imipramine Nortriptyline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confusion, agitation, hallucinations • Fainting, fits or convulsions • Fast or irregular heartbeat • Muscle stiffness • Skin rash or hives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blurred vision • Constipation • Drowsiness/dizziness • Dry mouth, nausea, or weight changes • Loss of interest in sex • Sensitivity to sunlight • Difficulty in urination
Reversible MAOIs, e.g. Moclobemide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confusion, agitation, hallucinations • Fast or irregular heartbeat • Muscle stiffness • Skin rash or hives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dry mouth, nausea • Headache/dizziness • Constipation • Blurred vision
SSRIs, e.g. Fluoxetine Fluvoxamine Citalopram Sertraline Paroxetine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skin rash or hives • Confusion, extreme weakness, muscles twitching 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nausea • Changes in appetite with weight gain or loss • Decreased interest in sex • Trouble sleeping
Mirtazapine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flu-like symptoms (fever, chills, sore throat) & mouth sores 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased appetite, weight gain • Sleepiness
Venlafaxine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fits or convulsions • Unusual behaviour 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constipation, dry mouth, or sweating • Drowsiness, tiredness, dizziness • Nausea or vomiting

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