



[Home](#)

2. Seroquel XR

# Seroquel XR

**Generic name:** [quetiapine](#) [ *kwe-TYE-a-peen* ]

**Brand names:** Seroquel, Seroquel XR

**Drug class:** [Atypical antipsychotics](#)



[Medically reviewed](#) by Drugs.com on Jul 17, 2023. Written by [Cerner Multum](#).

[Uses](#) [Side effects](#) [Warnings](#) [Before taking](#) [Dosage](#) [Interactions](#) [FAQ](#)

## What is Seroquel XR?

Seroquel XR is used to treat **schizophrenia** in adults and children who are at least 13 years old.

Seroquel XR is used alone or in combination with divalproex or lithium to treat manic episodes in adults with **bipolar disorder**.

Seroquel XR is also used to treat depressive episodes in adults with **bipolar disorder**.

Seroquel XR is also used alone to treat manic episodes in children at least 10 years old with **bipolar disorder**.

Seroquel XR **extended release** is used in combination with antidepressant medications to treat **major depressive disorder** in adults.

Seroquel XR may also be used for purposes not listed in this medication guide.

## Seroquel XR side effects

Get emergency medical help if you have **signs of an allergic reaction**: hives, difficult breathing, swelling of your face, lips, tongue, or throat.

**High doses or long-term use of quetiapine can cause a serious movement disorder that may not be reversible.**

The longer you use Seroquel XR, the more likely you are to develop this disorder, especially if you are a woman or an older adult.

**Tell your doctor right away if you have new or sudden changes in mood or behavior, including** new or worse depression or anxiety, [panic attacks](#), trouble sleeping, or if you feel impulsive, irritable, agitated, hostile, aggressive, restless, more active or talkative, or have thoughts about suicide or hurting yourself.

**Seroquel XR may cause serious side effects. Call your doctor at once if you have:**

- uncontrolled muscle movements in your face (chewing, lip smacking, frowning, tongue movement, blinking or eye movement);

- breast swelling and tenderness, nipple discharge, impotence, missed menstrual periods;
- trouble swallowing, severe [constipation](#);
- painful or difficult urination;
- [high blood pressure](#), fast, slow or uneven heart rate;
- a light-headed feeling, sudden numbness or weakness, severe headache;
- blurred vision, eye pain or redness, seeing halos around lights;
- a seizure, feeling unusually hot or cold;
- **signs of infection**--fever, chills, [sore throat](#), body aches, unusual tiredness, loss of appetite, bruising or bleeding;
- **severe nervous system reaction**--very stiff (rigid) muscles, high fever, sweating, confusion, fast or uneven heartbeats, tremors, feeling like you might pass out;
- **underactive thyroid**--tiredness, depressed mood, dry skin, thinning hair, decreased sweating, weight gain, puffiness in your face, feeling more sensitive to cold temperatures;
- **high blood sugar**--increased thirst, increased urination, dry mouth, fruity breath odor; or
- **low white blood cell counts**--fever, mouth sores, skin sores, sore throat, cough.

**Common side effects of Seroquel XR may include:**

- speech problems;
- dizziness, drowsiness, tiredness;
- feeling like you might pass out;
- lack of energy;
- fast heartbeats;
- increased appetite, weight gain;
- [upset stomach](#), vomiting, constipation;
- stomach pain, nausea;
- abnormal liver function tests, sore throat;
- stuffy nose, dry mouth; or
- difficulty moving.

This is not a complete list of side effects and others may occur. Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

 [Seroquel XR side effects](#) (more detail)

## Related/similar drugs

### Lybalvi

Lybalvi is used to treat adults with

• • • • •

manic or mixed episodes associated  
with bipolar I disorder ...

### Reviews & ratings

8.1 / 10

[16 Reviews](#)

[View more](#)

## Fanapt

Fanapt (iloperidone) is an  
antipsychotic medication used to treat  
schizophrenia. Includes Fanapt ...

### Reviews & ratings

6.4 / 10

[30 Reviews](#)

[View more](#)

### FEATURED

## Caplyta

Caplyta (lumateperone) may be used  
to treat schizophrenia or depression  
associated with bipolar ...

### Reviews & ratings

6.6 / 10

[184 Reviews](#)

[View more](#)

## Lexapro

Lexapro is used to treat anxiety and  
major depressive disorder. Learn  
about side effects ...

### Reviews & ratings

7.6 / 10

[2,376 Reviews](#)

[View more](#)

## Abilify

Abilify is an antipsychotic medicine  
used to treat the symptoms of  
schizophrenia and bipolar ...

### Reviews & ratings

6.1 / 10

[1,187 Reviews](#)

[View more](#)

## Zoloft

Zoloft is an antidepressant used to treat major depression, obsessive-compulsive disorder, panic ...

### Reviews & ratings

7.3 / 10

[1,972 Reviews](#)

[View more](#)

## Olanzapine

Olanzapine (brand name Zyprexa) is an atypical antipsychotic that may be used to treat adults and ...

### Reviews & ratings

5.9 / 10

[1,091 Reviews](#)

[View more](#)

## Citalopram

Citalopram is an antidepressant (selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor) and is used to treat ...

### Reviews & ratings

7.4 / 10

[2,231 Reviews](#)

[View more](#)

## Aripiprazole

Easy-to-read patient leaflet for aripiprazole. Includes indications, proper use, special ...

### Reviews & ratings

6.1 / 10

[1,540 Reviews](#)

[View more](#)

## Warnings

People with depression or mental illness may have thoughts about suicide. Some young people may have increased suicidal thoughts when first starting Seroquel XR. **Tell your doctor right away if you have any sudden changes in mood or behavior, or thoughts about suicide.**

Seroquel XR may increase the risk of death in older adults with mental health problems related to dementia.

## Before taking this medicine

You should not use Seroquel XR if you are allergic to it.

People with depression or mental illness may have thoughts about suicide. Some young people may have increased suicidal thoughts when first starting a medicine to treat depression. Stay alert to changes in your mood or symptoms. Your family or caregivers should also watch for sudden changes in your behavior.

Tell your doctor if you have or have ever had:

- a nervous system reaction associated with antipsychotic medication use;
- [heart disease](#), a [heart attack](#) or stroke;
- [long QT syndrome](#) (in you or a family member);
- an electrolyte imbalance (such as low blood levels of potassium or magnesium);
- high or [low blood pressure](#);
- low white blood cell (WBC) counts;
- abnormal thyroid tests or prolactin levels;
- an [enlarged prostate](#), constipation or urination problems;
- a seizure;
- glaucoma or cataracts;
- diabetes (in you or a family member);
- [high cholesterol](#) or triglycerides; or
- [liver disease](#).

Seroquel XR may increase the risk of death in older adults with mental health problems related to dementia.

**Taking antipsychotic medicine in the last 3 months of pregnancy may cause serious problems in the newborn.**

Tell your doctor right away if you get pregnant. **Do not stop the medicine without your doctor's advice.**

It may be harder for you to get pregnant while you are using Seroquel XR.

If you are pregnant, your name may be listed on a pregnancy registry to track the effects of [quetiapine](#) on the baby.

Ask a doctor if it is safe to breastfeed while using this medicine.

## How should I take Seroquel XR?

Follow all directions on your prescription label and read all medication guides or instruction sheets. Use the medicine exactly as directed.

You may take Seroquel XR with or without food, but take it the same way each time.

Swallow the tablet whole and do not crush, chew, or break it.

Your blood may need to be checked on a regular basis, and you may need other medical tests.

Your blood pressure may need to be checked often.

**Do not stop using Seroquel XR suddenly**, your condition may get worse, or you could have unpleasant symptoms (such as trouble sleeping, nausea and vomiting). Ask your doctor before stopping the medicine.

This medicine may cause false results on a drug-screening urine test. Tell the laboratory staff that you use Seroquel XR.

Store at room temperature away from moisture and heat.

 [Detailed Seroquel XR dosage information](#)

## What happens if I miss a dose?

Take the medicine as soon as you can, but skip the missed dose if it is almost time for your next dose. **Do not** take two doses at one time.

## What happens if I overdose?

Seek emergency medical attention or call the Poison Help line at 1-800-222-1222.

## What should I avoid while taking Seroquel XR?

Do not drink alcohol. Dangerous side effects could occur.

Avoid getting up too fast from a sitting or lying position, or you may feel dizzy. Avoid driving or hazardous activity until you know how Seroquel XR will affect you. Dizziness or drowsiness can cause falls, accidents, or severe injuries.

Avoid becoming overheated or dehydrated during exercise, in hot weather, or by not drinking enough fluids. Drink plenty of liquids while you are receiving Seroquel XR.

## What other drugs will affect Seroquel XR?

**Sometimes it is not safe to use certain medicines at the same time.** Some drugs can affect your blood levels of other drugs you use, which may increase side effects or make the medicines less effective.

**Seroquel XR can cause a serious heart problem.** Your risk may be higher if you also use certain other medicines for

infections, asthma, heart problems, high blood pressure, depression, mental illness, cancer, malaria, or HIV.

Tell your doctor about all your other medicines, especially:

- bronchodilator asthma medication;
- cold or allergy medicine (Benadryl and others);
- medicine to treat [overactive bladder](#);
- medicine to treat [Parkinson's disease](#); or
- medicine to treat stomach problems, [motion sickness](#), or [irritable bowel syndrome](#).

**This list is not complete and many other drugs may affect Seroquel XR.** This includes prescription and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, and [herbal products](#). Not all possible [drug interactions](#) are listed here.

 [Seroquel XR drug interactions](#) (more detail)

## Does Seroquel XR interact with my other drugs?

Enter medications to view a detailed interaction report using our [Drug Interaction Checker](#).

Seroquel XR

+

Enter a drug name

Add

## Popular FAQ

Does Seroquel (quetiapine) help you sleep?



What are the strongest sleeping pills?



## More FAQ

- [What drugs cause tardive dyskinesia?](#)

[View more FAQ...](#)

## More about Seroquel XR (quetiapine)

- [Check interactions](#)
- [Compare alternatives](#)
- [Pricing & coupons](#)
- [Reviews \(228\)](#)
- [Drug images](#)

- [Side effects](#)
- [Dosage information](#)
- [During pregnancy](#)
- [Generic availability](#)
- [Support group](#)
- [FDA approval history](#)
- [Drug class: atypical antipsychotics](#)
- [Breastfeeding](#)
- [En español](#)

## Professional resources

- [Seroquel XR prescribing information](#)
- [QUEtiapine \(AHFS Monograph\)](#)

## Other formulations

- [Seroquel](#)

## Related treatment guides

- [Bipolar Disorder](#)
- [Depression](#)
- [Major Depressive Disorder](#)
- [Schizoaffective Disorder](#)
- [Schizophrenia](#)

## Further information

Remember, keep this and all other medicines out of the reach of children, never share your medicines with others, and use this medication only for the indication prescribed.

Always consult your healthcare provider to ensure the information displayed on this page applies to your personal circumstances.

### [Medical Disclaimer](#)

Copyright 1996-2025 Cerner Multum, Inc. Version: 18.01.

### DRUG STATUS

#### Availability

**Rx** Prescription only



### Pregnancy & Lactation



Risk data available

### CSA Schedule\*

N/A Not a controlled drug

### Approval History



Drug history at FDA



## User Reviews & Ratings

7.1 / 10

[228 Reviews](#)

## Images

[Seroquel XR 50 mg \(XR 50\)](#)



[View larger images](#)

## Drugs.com Mobile App

Access drug & treatment information, identify pills, check interactions and set up personal medication records.



### About

[About Drugs.com](#)

[Advertising policy](#)

[Attribution & citations](#)

### Terms & privacy

[Terms of use](#)

[Editorial policy](#)

[Privacy policy](#)

### Support

[Help center](#)

[Sitemap](#)

[Contact us](#)



[Subscribe to our newsletter](#) for the latest medication news, new drug approvals and FDA alerts.

**Drugs.com** provides accurate and independent information on more than 24,000 prescription drugs, over-the-counter medicines and natural products. This material is provided for educational purposes only and is not intended for medical advice, diagnosis or treatment. Data sources include Micromedex (updated 7 Apr 2025), Cerner Multum™ (updated 13 Apr 2025), ASHP (updated 10 Apr 2025) and others.



Ad Choices  
ADVERTISEMENT



Copyright © 2000-2025 Drugs.com. All rights reserved.