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# Addyi

**Pronunciation:** *add-ee*

**Generic name:** [flibanserin](#) [ *flib-AN-ser-in* ]

**Dosage form:** tablet (100mg)

**Drug class:** [Miscellaneous central nervous system agents](#)

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## What is Addyi?

Addyi is used to treat [decreased sexual desire](#) in women who have not gone through [menopause](#) and who have not had low sexual desire in the past. Low sexual desire disorder is when a person has low sexual desire no matter the type of sexual activity, the situation, or the sexual partner, and this issue is troubling the person. It is for use only when low sexual desire is NOT caused by a medical condition, a mental disorder, relationship problems, or by using drugs or other medicines.

Addyi is not for women who have already gone through menopause. This medicine is also not for use by men.

## Warnings

Taking Addyi and alcohol close together can increase the risk of severe low blood pressure and fainting (syncope).

If you have consumed one or two standard alcoholic drinks you should wait at least two hours before taking Addyi at bedtime, or you should skip taking your dose.

If you have consumed three or more standard alcoholic drinks in the evening you should skip your Addyi dose.

After taking Addyi at bedtime you should not drink alcohol **until** the next day.

You should not take this medicine if you have liver problems.

Tell your doctor about all your current medicines and any you start or stop using. Many drugs can interact, and some drugs should not be used together.

## Before taking this medicine

You should not use Addyi if you are allergic to flibanserin, or if you have:

- liver disease; or

- if you recently consumed alcohol.

**You should not take Addyi within 2 hours after drinking alcohol.** See the Warning section on alcohol use.

Some medicines can cause unwanted or dangerous effects when used with Addyi. Your doctor may change your treatment plan if you also use:

- [nefazodone](#);
- **an antibiotic** - [ciprofloxacin](#), [clarithromycin](#), [erythromycin](#), telithromycin;
- **antifungal medicine** - [fluconazole](#), [itraconazole](#), [ketoconazole](#), [posaconazole](#);
- **antiviral medicine to treat hepatitis C** - boceprevir, telaprevir;
- **heart or blood pressure medicine** - conivaptan, [diltiazem](#), [verapamil](#); or
- **HIV or AIDS medicine** - [atazanavir](#), fosamprenavir, indinavir, nelfinavir, [ritonavir](#), saquinavir.

To make sure Addyi is safe for you, tell your doctor if you have:

- [alcoholism](#) (or if you currently drink alcohol);
- [drug addiction](#);
- [depression](#) or mental illness; or
- [low blood pressure](#).

It is not known whether this medicine will harm an unborn baby. Tell your doctor if you are pregnant or plan to become pregnant.

You should not breast-feed while using this medicine.

Flibanserin is not approved for use by anyone younger than 18 years old.

 [Addyi pregnancy and breastfeeding warnings](#) (more detail)

## How should I take Addyi?

Take Addyi exactly as prescribed by your doctor. Follow all directions on your prescription label and read all medication guides or instruction sheets.

Take Addyi only at bedtime.

Alcohol may cause you to have dangerously low blood pressure and fainting if taken with flibanserin.

If you have consumed one or two standard alcoholic drinks, you should wait at least two hours before taking Addyi at bedtime, or you should skip taking your dose. If you have consumed three or more standard alcoholic drinks in the evening, you should skip your Addyi dose. After taking Addyi at bedtime, you should not drink alcohol until the next day.

Flibanserin can lower your blood pressure, which can make you dizzy. If you feel light-headed after taking this medicine, lie down if you are not already in bed.

It may take up to 8 weeks before your symptoms improve. Keep using the medication as directed and tell your doctor if your symptoms do not improve.

Store at room temperature away from moisture and heat.

## Dosing information

### Usual Adult Dose for Hypoactive Sexual Desire Disorder:

**Dose:** 100 mg orally once per day at bedtime

**Duration of therapy:** This drug should be discontinued after 8 weeks if the patient does not report an improvement in symptoms.

**Comments:** This drug is not indicated to enhance sexual performance, and is not indicated for treatment in postmenopausal women or in men.

**Use:** Treatment of premenopausal women with acquired, generalized hypoactive sexual desire disorder (HSDD) as characterized by low sexual desire that causes marked distress or interpersonal difficulty and is not due to a co-existing medical or psychiatric condition, problems within the relationship, or the effects of a medication or other drug substance.

 [Detailed Addyi dosage information](#)

## What happens if I miss a dose?

Skip the missed dose and take the medicine the following day at bedtime. Do not take Addyi in the morning, and 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 to avoid

Drinking alcohol with this medicine can cause dangerous or unwanted side effects. If you have consumed one or two standard alcoholic drinks you should wait at least two hours before taking Addyi at bedtime, or you should skip taking your dose.

If you have consumed three or more standard alcoholic drinks in the evening you should skip your Addyi dose. After taking Addyi at bedtime you should not drink alcohol until the next day.

[Grapefruit](#) may interact with flibanserin and lead to unwanted side effects. Avoid the use of grapefruit products.

Avoid taking any of the following over-the-counter or [herbal products](#) without your doctor's advice:

- [cimetidine](#);
- ginkgo biloba;
- [resveratrol](#); or
- [St. John's wort](#).

[Dizziness](#) or low blood pressure can cause falls or other accidents. Avoid driving or operating machinery for at least 6

hours after you take Addyi, and until you know how this medicine will affect you. Your reactions could be impaired.

Avoid getting up too fast from a sitting or lying position, or you may feel dizzy.

## Addyi side effects

Get emergency medical help if you have **signs of an allergic reaction to Addyi**: [hives](#); difficult breathing; swelling of your face, lips, tongue, or throat.

Call your doctor at once if you have:

- severe drowsiness; or
- a light-headed feeling, like you might pass out.

Common Addyi side effects may include:

- dizziness, drowsiness;
- tiredness;
- [nausea](#);
- dry mouth; or
- trouble sleeping.

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.

 [Addyi side effects](#) (more detail)

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

Taking this medicine with other drugs that make you drowsy can worsen this effect. Ask your doctor before using opioid medication, a sleeping pill, a muscle relaxer, or medicine for [anxiety](#) or [seizures](#).

Many drugs can interact with flibanserin. This includes prescription and over-the-counter medicines, [vitamins](#), and [herbal products](#). Not all possible interactions are listed here. Tell your doctor about all your current medicines and any medicine you start or stop using.

 [Addyi drug interactions](#) (more detail)

## Does Addyi interact with my other drugs?

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

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## Further information

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

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

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### DRUG STATUS

#### Availability

**Rx** Prescription only

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#### CSA Schedule\*

**N/A** Not a controlled drug



#### Approval History

**9**  
years FDA approved 2015



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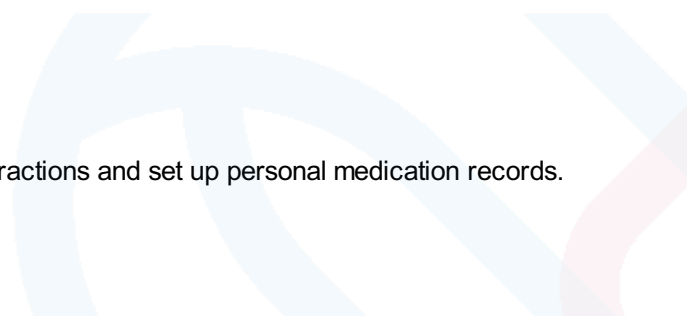
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