



SEROXAT

PAROXETINE

Patient Information Leaflet on 'Seroxat' Tablets

Please read this leaflet before you start to take your medicine. It is essential to follow your doctor's advice. If there is anything you do not understand, please ask your doctor or pharmacist (chemist).
Keep this leaflet whilst you are taking 'Seroxat'. You may want to read it again.
If you are helping someone else to take this medicine, please read this leaflet before you give the first dose.

THE NAME OF THIS MEDICINE IS 'SEROXAT'

What is 'Seroxat'? 'Seroxat' is one of a group of medicines called antidepressants. The active ingredient in 'Seroxat' is paroxetine.
What does 'Seroxat' do? 'Seroxat' works by relieving depressed mood and associated symptoms such as anxiety.

IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT 'SEROXAT'

1. This medicine should not be taken by patients who are allergic to paroxetine. Consult your doctor before taking 'Seroxat' if you are already taking lithium or tryptophan or are taking other antidepressant treatments (in particular a type known as monoamine oxidase inhibitors).
 2. Before taking ANY medicines, you should tell your doctor if you are pregnant (or think you may be), or if you are breast feeding.
 3. Take 'Seroxat' as directed by your doctor. Read the dispensing label.
 4. It may take some days for you to begin feeling the full benefit of 'Seroxat'.
 5. Like all medicines, 'Seroxat' can sometimes cause unwanted effects. (You will find more information about this later in the leaflet).
 6. Always keep medicines out of the reach of children. 'Seroxat' is not recommended for use by children.
- For more information about 'Seroxat', please read the rest of this leaflet.

BEFORE TAKING YOUR MEDICINE

What should I do if I think I am pregnant (or I am breast feeding)? Consult your doctor before taking 'Seroxat' if you think you might be pregnant, or are breast feeding.
If I am taking other medicines will 'Seroxat' affect them? If you have recently taken, or are taking, any other medicines, tell your doctor. ('Seroxat' may affect certain other medicines, including anticonvulsants and anticoagulants). If you are to have surgery, tell your doctor or dentist that you are taking 'Seroxat' because it may affect the anaesthetic.
If I suffer from other medical conditions, what should I do? If you have a heart, liver or kidney complaint or suffer from epilepsy, tell your doctor.

TAKING YOUR MEDICINE

The tablets should be taken in the morning, swallowed whole without chewing them, with a drink of water and with some food.
How much should I take and how often? Follow your doctor's directions about how and when to take your medicine. Please read the dispensing label carefully. Your pharmacist or doctor can help if you are not sure.
How long should I carry on taking it? This will depend on how well you are getting on with your treatment. It may be necessary for your doctor to increase the dose. Continue to follow your doctor's directions.
What should I do if I forget to take a dose? Leave out that dose completely. Take your next dose at the normal time it is due.

AFTER TAKING YOUR MEDICINE

What unwanted effects might it have? A few people may experience unwanted effects. These have included feeling sick (nausea), dry mouth, sweating, shakiness, drowsiness, or difficulty in getting to sleep. If any of these effects occur, they should generally disappear after a few days. If these symptoms are troublesome or you develop any other unusual problems whilst receiving this course of medicine, consult your doctor.
What precautions should I take? Most people do not find their ability to carry out normal daily activities is affected, however, you should be especially careful if you are driving, operating machinery or doing other jobs where you need to be alert. As with all antidepressants, it is advisable to avoid alcohol whilst receiving treatment.
What if I have taken too much? As with any medicine, if an overdose (i.e. a large amount) has been taken, contact your doctor or local hospital casualty department immediately.

STORING YOUR MEDICINE

How should I store 'Seroxat' Tablets? Keep them in a dry place. Store all medicines out of the reach of children - preferably in a locked cupboard or medicine cabinet.
What should I do with any medicine which is left at the end of treatment? If your doctor decides to stop the treatment, return any left-over medicine to the pharmacist. Keep it only if your doctor tells you to. Remember this medicine has been prescribed just for you. Never offer your medicine to other people - it may not be suitable for them even if their symptoms seem the same as yours.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT 'SEROXAT'

'Seroxat' Tablets are available in two strengths, containing 20 mg or 30 mg of paroxetine as hydrochloride. Non-proprietary name: Paroxetine. 'Seroxat' Tablets do not contain tartrazine or any other azo dyes.

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How can I obtain more information about 'Seroxat'? In this short leaflet, we can give you only the most important patient information about 'Seroxat'. If you would like to know more, ask your doctor or pharmacist.