

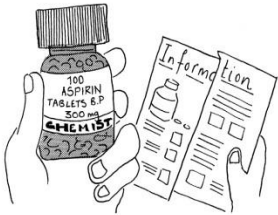
Aripiprazole

Antipsychotic



Your medication

Aripiprazole



What is this leaflet for?

This leaflet is to help you understand more about your medicine.

Your medicine could look different to the pictures on this leaflet.



Aripiprazole is also called *Abilify*.

Aripiprazole is available as tablets, solutions and injection.



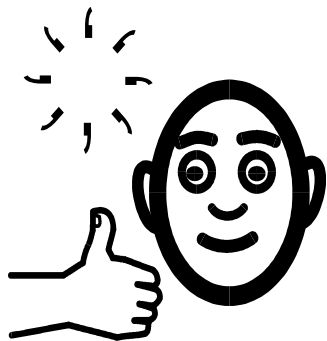
What is Aripiprazole used for?

Aripiprazole is commonly used to treat psychosis and mania.



It is also used in people having behavioural problems.

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What will Aripiprazole do?

Aripiprazole should help you feel calm and relaxed.

It could take some time for Aripiprazole to have its full effect.



What are the side effects of Aripiprazole?

Side effects are the unwanted effects of any medicine on the body.

Not everyone taking a medicine will get side effects.

Many side effects will go away with time. But some side effects may last for longer.

Some side effects can be serious.

You should tell your doctor if you have any side effect.

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What are the side effects of Aripiprazole?

- feeling sick
- feeling dizzy
- feeling shaky
- feeling restless or cannot sit still
- having double vision
- difficulty in sleeping
- feeling tired
- changes in blood sugar level
- changes in cholesterol levels
- changes in heart function
- rash or feeling itchy



You will need to have the following tests done as part of the metabolic syndrome monitoring:

Tracing of your heart - ECG

Blood pressure

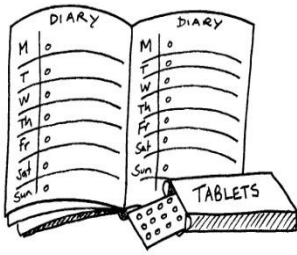
Weight

Waist circumference

Blood tests



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How and when to take Aripiprazole?

The label on your Aripiprazole packet should tell you when and how much you should take.



What else can help?

Eating healthy

Doing some exercises.



Participating in activities that you like.



If you forget to take the tablet

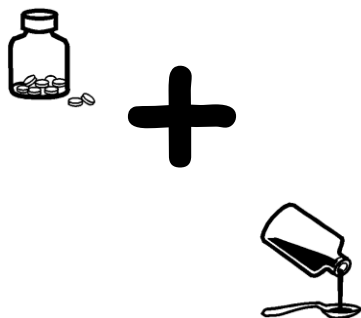
Tell your carer or doctor straight away.



When to stop taking Aripiprazole?

You should carry on taking your medicine unless your doctor asks you to stop.

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Some medicines do not work well together.

You should tell your doctor about any other medicines you are taking.



What should not be done while taking Aripiprazole?

Drinking alcohol when on Aripiprazole could make you feel drowsy.



Doctor's comments

Help and support



Your doctor:
Telephone Number:

Your Psychiatrist:
Telephone Number:



Your Community Nurse:
Telephone Number:

Other professionals involved:

Other resources:

Patient  UK
The same health information as provided
by GPs to patients during consultations

www.patient.co.uk

NHS Can be reached on
0845
Direct 4647



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