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**The Symptoms And Side Effects Of Effexor**

**By Heather Colman**

Effexor is used primarily for the treatment of depression, generalized anxiety disorder, and social anxiety disorder in adults. It is known as one of the most activating of the newer antidepressants. While this can be helpful to some, as a number of depressed patients report feeling exhausted and unmotivated, to others it poses the risk of increased anxiety and agitation.

Effexor is an effective antidepressant for many persons; however, it seems to be especially effective for those with treatment-resistant depression. Some of these persons have taken two or more antidepressants prior to Effexor with no relief. It has also been found to reduce the severity of 'hot-flashes' in menopausal women.

In addition, a September 2004 Consumer Reports study ranked Effexor as the most effective among six commonly prescribed antidepressants. However, this should not be considered a definitive finding, and responses to psychiatric medications vary significantly from individual to individual.

Substantial weight loss in patients with major depression, generalized anxiety disorder, and social phobia has been noted in taking Effexor, but the manufacturer does not recommend use as an anorectic either alone or in combination with phentermine or other amphetamine-like drugs.

As with most antidepressants, lack of sexual desire can be a very disturbing side-effect for some persons. Effexor can raise blood pressure at high doses, so it is usually not the drug of choice for persons with high blood pressure. Effexor should not be used in children. Caution should also be used in those with a seizure disorder.

The energizing effect of the drug may come unwanted to some, possibly leading to an increased anxiety or depressed mind state. While the specific modality of effect is not well understood, a Black Box Warning has been issued with Effexor and with other SSRI and SSRI anti-depressants advising of risk of suicidality.

Some studies have questioned the effectiveness of the drug in helping depression. The black box warnings advise physicians to carefully monitor patients for suicide risk at start of usage and whenever

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the dosage is changed. Family members should be advised of this potentially fatal side effect so they may bring the patient to a hospital emergency for surveillance and protection. This drug is particularly risky for patients whose mental condition includes poor impulse control such as Borderline Personality Disorder, and if there is comorbid substance abuse.

Effexor is sometimes used for the treatment of depressive phases of bipolar disorder. However, this has some potential danger, as Effexor can induce mania, mixed states, rapid cycling and/or psychosis in some bipolar patients, particularly if they are not also being treated with a mood stabilizer.

Another risk is developing Serotonin syndrome. This is a serious effect that can be caused by interactions with other drugs and is potentially fatal.

Some common side effects of using Effexor include:

\* Insomnia \* Nausea \* Sleepiness \* Increased blood pressure \* Vertigo \* Dry mouth \* Sexual dysfunction \* Dizziness \* Vivid dreams \* Sweating

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## **Antipsychotic Drugs For Schizophrenia**

**By John Conrad**

Antipsychotic medications are not a cure for schizophrenia, for the moment we hope. They only treat the symptoms and help to normalize the biochemical imbalances that cause schizophrenia. There are two major types of antipsychotics, traditional and new antipsychotics.

Traditional antipsychotics (so called classic antipsychotics) effectively control the delusions, hallucinations, and confusion of schizophrenia. Antipsychotic drug, such as haloperidol, chlorpromazine, and fluphenazine, are the first antipsychotic drugs that were used. These drugs primarily block dopamine receptors. They treat well schizophrenia symptoms, but unfortunately have many side effects. And because of this side effects the patient refuse to take them anymore.

From the new class of antipsychotics we remember Risperidone (Risperdal), olanzapine (Zyprexa), quetiapine (Seroquel), ziprasidone (Geodon) and aripiprazole (Abilify). This antipsychotics have fewer side effects than the classic antipsychotic drugs.

The main problem with the new class of antipsychotics is their cost. It seems to be a little bit expensive, and some of the patients can not afford to buy their medication. For the future maybe their cost will be

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not a problem anymore.

Side effects for antipsychotics may cause a patient to be afraid taking them. However, it is important to take your doctor opinion before making any changes in medication since many side effects can be controlled. Also, if the treatment is interrupted many symptoms can reappear, some of them even on a higher intensity. The advice is to be sure to weight the risks against the potential benefits that antipsychotic drugs can provide. Sometimes it not disserve to interrupt the treatment!

To prevent appearing side effects, the doctor should prescribe the right dosage of antipsychotic, neither more or less. And this depends from patient to patient. There are many patients who have the same symptoms, but the response to the same medicine is different.

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