

Medication Information

Latuda (lurasidone HCl)

Latuda is an "atypical" antipsychotic medication. It is used to treat schizophrenia in adults, but may also be used for purposes other than those listed in this medication guide. The recommended dose is 40-80 mg once daily. It should be taken with food.

Important information: Latuda is not approved for the treatment of people with dementia-related problems, because an increased risk for stroke has been reported in these patients. Neuroleptic malignant syndrome is a rare and potentially fatal side effect reported with antipsychotic medications. Call your healthcare provider right away if you have high fever; stiff muscles; confusion; changes in pulse, heart rate, or blood pressure; sweating; or muscle pain and weakness. Tardive dyskinesia is a serious and sometimes permanent side effect reported with antipsychotic medications. It involves uncontrollable movements of the face, tongue, and other parts of the body. High blood sugar and diabetes have been reported with some atypical antipsychotic medications, but most people taking Latuda had no problems with their blood sugar. Some patients gained weight while taking Latuda, but it was much less than with some other atypical antipsychotic medications.

Additional Warnings: Light-headedness or faintness caused by a sudden change in heart rate and blood pressure when rising quickly from a sitting position has been reported. Low white blood cell counts and related conditions have been reported. Atypical antipsychotic medications may raise the levels of prolactin. Tell your doctor if you experience a lack of menstrual periods, leaking or enlarged breasts, or impotence, if you have a seizure disorder, or if you experience prolonged, abnormal muscle spasm or contraction, which may be signs of a condition called dystonia. Latuda can affect your judgment, thinking, and motor skills. You should not drive or operate hazardous machinery until you know how it affects you. Latuda may make you more sensitive to temperature extremes. Avoid getting too cold, or becoming overheated or dehydrated. Atypical antipsychotic medications have been associated with swallowing problems. Tell your healthcare provider if you are pregnant or if you are planning to get pregnant while taking Latuda. Do not drink alcohol while taking Latuda.

Possible side effects include: mild restlessness, agitation, drowsiness, tremor, sleepiness, dreaming more than usual, blurred vision, abdominal pain, dizziness or headache, problems with urination, nausea, diarrhea, decreased appetite, excessive salivation, rash or itching.

What other drugs will affect Latuda? Tell your doctor if you are taking any of the following medicines: ketoconazole (Nizorall) , diltiazem (Cardizem, Dilacor), rifampin (Rifadin, Rimactane, Rifater)