

Medication Information

Chantix

Chantix is used as a smoking cessation treatment. It works in the brain to block the pleasurable effects of smoking. This helps to decrease your desire to keep smoking.

Important information: Before using Chantix, tell your doctor if you have kidney disease, or a history of mental illness.

Chantix can cause drowsiness. Until you know how Chantix and the smoking cessation process is going to affect you, be careful if you drive or do anything that requires you to be cautious and alert.

Stop using this medication and call your doctor at once if you feel agitated, hostile, depressed, or have thoughts about suicide or hurting yourself.

Chantix may be harmful to an unborn baby. Tell your doctor if you are pregnant or plan to become pregnant during treatment. It is not known whether this medication passes into breast milk or if it could harm a nursing baby.

Take this medicine after eating with a full glass of water. In most cases, Treatment lasts for 12 weeks, but your doctor may recommend a second course to improve the chance that you will quit smoking long-term. To be sure Chantix is not causing harmful effects, your kidney function may need to be tested on a regular basis.

Call your doctor if you develop fever, sore throat or at the first sign of any blistering type of skin rash (no matter how mild).

Side effects: nausea, stomach pain, indigestion, vomiting, constipation, gas, weakness, tired feeling, increased appetite, unpleasant taste, headache, insomnia or unusual dreams.

Drugs interactions: After you stop smoking, the doses of some medications you are using may need to be adjusted, especially: insulin, warfarin (Coumadin), theophylline (Respbid, Theobid, Theoclear, Theo-Dur, Uniphyll).