
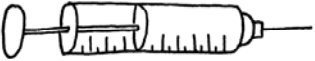








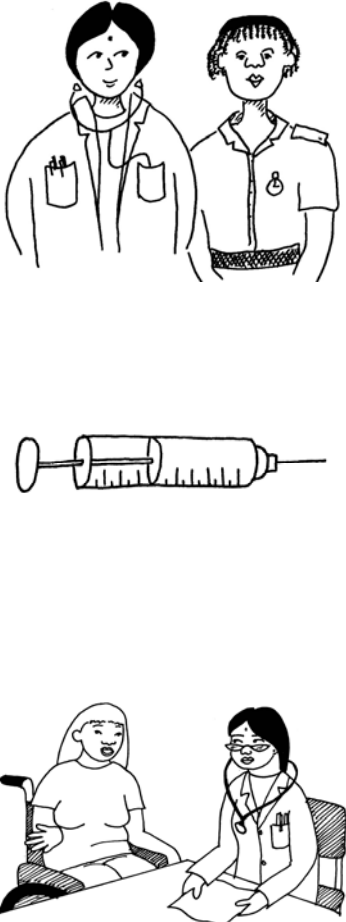




## Zuclopenthixol Injection

**This is an easy way to read this word...**  
**zoo-clo-pen-tick-sol**

	<p><b>What is this leaflet for?</b></p> <p>This leaflet is to help you understand more about your medicine.</p>
	<p><b>What is the medicine called?</b></p> <p>Zuclopenthixol is also called Clopixol.</p> <p>You will see 1 of these names on your prescription.</p> <p>Zuclopenthixol will come as an injection.</p>
	<p><b>What is zuclopenthixol for?</b></p> <p>Zuclopenthixol could be used for different reasons.</p> <p>Zuclopenthixol is used for psychoses and mania.</p> <p>Zuclopenthixol is sometimes used for people who have behaviour problems.</p> <p>For example, it could...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• help if you are anxious</li><li>• help calm you down</li><li>• help you feel less angry</li><li>• help you feel less tense.</li></ul>
	<p><b>What will zuclopenthixol do?</b></p> <p>Zuclopenthixol should help you feel calm and relaxed.</p> <p>It could take some time for zuclopenthixol to have its full effect.</p> <p>This effect should reduce your behaviour problem.</p>

	<p>For example, it may...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• help you control your temper</li><li>• help you stop hurting yourself</li><li>• help you stop breaking things.</li></ul>
   	<p><b>What are the side effects of zuclopenthixol?</b></p> <p>Side effects are effects medicine can have on your body that are not wanted.</p> <p>Not everyone taking a medicine will get side effects.</p> <p>Many side effects will go away with time.</p> <p>Many side effects are rare.</p> <p><b>You might want to talk to your doctor if you have any side effects.</b></p> <p>For example, these are some side effects of zuclopenthixol...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• feeling sleepy or sluggish</li><li>• feeling more restless or agitated</li><li>• dry mouth</li><li>• too much spit</li><li>• headache</li><li>• you could lose interest in sex</li><li>• putting on weight</li><li>• constipation</li><li>• blurred vision or things look fuzzy</li><li>• if you are female your periods could change.</li></ul>

 <p>The top illustration shows a woman with a distressed expression, holding her head with one hand and a small cup with the other. Wavy lines above her head suggest dizziness or faintness. The bottom illustration shows a man with glasses and a worried expression, with jagged lines on his chest representing a fever or high body temperature.</p>	<p>Some side effects are more serious.</p> <p>You should tell someone straight away if...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• you feel faint or dizzy</li><li>• you have a fever or high body temperature</li><li>• you feel stiff or shaky</li><li>• you have problems with weeing.</li></ul>
 <p>The top illustration shows a female doctor on a mobile phone and a male nurse. The middle illustration is a detailed drawing of a syringe. The bottom illustration shows a doctor sitting at a desk talking to a patient who is sitting in a chair.</p>	<h3>How and when do I take zuclopenthixol?</h3> <p>A doctor or nurse will give you your injection.</p> <p>The injection will usually be given in your buttock.</p> <p>You will normally be given an injection every 2 weeks.</p> <p>If you forget to have your injection, tell someone straight away.</p> <p>You should carry on having your injection even if you feel better unless your doctor asks you to stop.</p> <p>You should talk to your doctor before you stop taking your medicine.</p>

	<h3>What do I need to know about this medicine?</h3> <p>Drinking alcohol whilst taking zuclopenthixol could make you feel drowsy.</p> <p>Some medicines do not work well together.</p> <p>You should tell your doctor about any other medicines you are taking.</p>
	<h3>Where can I get more information?</h3> <p>This leaflet does not tell you everything about zuclopenthixol.</p> <p>If you want more information about zuclopenthixol...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• you can ask your pharmacist, doctor or nurse for more information</li><li>• you can ask your carer to get more information</li><li>• you can phone NHS Direct on 0845 4647</li><li>• you can phone a medicine information helpline on 020 3228 2999.</li></ul>

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- the United Kingdom Psychiatric Pharmacy Group Patient Advisory Leaflets ([www.ukppg.org.uk/ukppg-pals.html](http://www.ukppg.org.uk/ukppg-pals.html))
- Miriam Wilcher's Handbook for Carers of People with Learning Disabilities.