

## When can I stop?

You should keep taking your medication until your doctor tells you to stop.



You should keep taking it, even if you feel better.



If you want to stop taking it, talk to your doctor first.



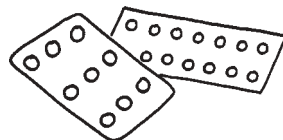
## Important

Some medications do not work well together.

You should always tell your doctor or pharmacist what you are taking.



If your medication looks different it might be a different make.



Alcohol can make you ill if you drink it when you are on medication.



## Advice and Support

If you have any questions or worries about your medication talk to...

your doctor



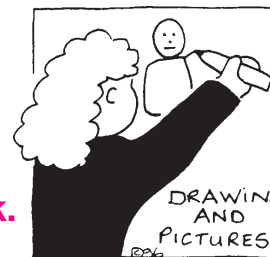
or

the pharmacist at your local chemist



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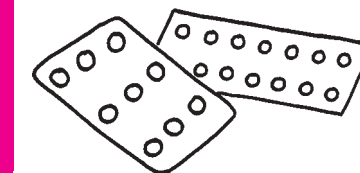
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# Your medication is called

## olanzapine or Zyprexa



## An atypical antipsychotic

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## Why am I taking this?

It can help if you are anxious or paranoid.



It can help if you are too excited or 'hyper'.



It can stop you from hearing voices or seeing things that are not there.

## How do I take it?

Take one tablet every day. ○

Swallow your tablet whole with a glass of water.



## When do I take it?

Ask your doctor when to take it.

## How will it make me feel?

It should make you feel calm.

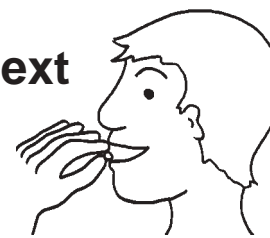
It could take a month before you feel better.

## What if I forget to take it?

Take it as soon as you remember.

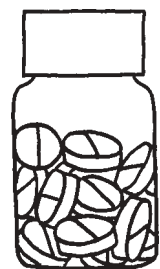


If it is nearly time for your next dose, only take one dose.



If you have any problems with taking your medication, you should talk to your doctor straight away.

## What will it look like?



## Side effects

You might have some side-effects, like...

feeling drowsy

a dry mouth

feeling restless

constipation

put weight on

you could have problems with sex

If you are worried, talk to your doctor.



## IMPORTANT!

These side-effects are more serious...

feeling faint

a faster heart beat

a rash

feeling stiff

feeling shaky

If you have any of these, you must talk to your doctor straight away!

