Lorazepam oral solution

MEDICATION GUIDE

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What is this medicine?
LORAZEPAM (lor A ze pam) is a benzodiazepine. It is used to treat anxiety.

This medicine may be used for other purposes; ask your health care provider or pharmacist if you have questions.

How should I use this medicine?
Take this medicine by mouth. Follow the directions on the prescription label. Use the specially marked dropper supplied with this solution to measure your medicine. Ask your pharmacist if you do not have one. This medicine can be mixed with water, soda, applesauce, or pudding. Take your medicine at regular intervals. Do not take it more often than directed. Do not stop taking except on your doctor’s advice.

Talk to your pediatrician regarding the use of this medicine in children. Special care may be needed.

Overdosage: If you think you have taken too much of this medicine contact a poison control center or emergency room at once.

NOTE: This medicine is only for you. Do not share this medicine with others.

What if I miss a dose?
If you miss a dose, take it as soon as you can. If it is almost time for your next dose, take only that dose. Do not take double or extra doses.

What should I tell my health care provider before I take this medicine?
They need to know if you have any of these conditions:
• Alcohol or drug abuse or addiction
• Bipolar disorder, depression, psychosis or other mental health condition
• Glaucoma
• Kidney disease
• Liver disease
• Lung or breathing disease, like asthma
• Myasthenia gravis
• Parkinson’s disease
• Seizures or a history of seizures
• Suicidal thoughts
• An unusual or allergic reaction to lorazepam, other benzodiazepines, foods, dyes, or preservatives
• Pregnant or trying to get pregnant
• Breast-feeding

What may interact with this medicine?
• Barbiturate medicines for inducing sleep or treating seizures like phenobarbital
• Clozapine
• Medicines for depression, anxiety, or psychotic disturbances
• Medicines for sleep
• Phenytoin
• Probenecid
• Theophylline
• Valproic acid

This list may not describe all possible interactions. Give your health care provider a list of all the medicines, herbs, non-prescription drugs, or dietary supplements you use. Also tell them if you smoke, drink alcohol, or use illegal drugs. Some items may interact with your medicine.

What side effects may I notice from receiving this medicine?
Side effects that you should report to your doctor or health care professional as soon as possible:
• Allergic reactions like skin rash, itching or hives, swelling of the face, lips, or tongue
• Changes in vision
• Confusion
• Depression
• Mood changes, excitability, or aggressive behavior
• Movement difficulty, staggering or jerky movements
• Muscle cramps
• Restlessness
• Unusually weak or tired

Side effects that usually do not require medical attention (report to your doctor or health care professional if they continue or are bothersome):
• Constipation or diarrhea
• Dizziness
• Headache
• Nausea, vomiting
• Tiredness
• Trouble sleeping or nightmares

This list may not describe all possible side effects. Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

What should I watch for while using this medicine?

Visit your doctor or health care professional for regular checks on your progress. Your body may become dependent on this medicine, ask your doctor or health care professional if you still need to take it. However, if you have been taking this medicine regularly for some time, do not suddenly stop taking it. You must gradually reduce the dose or you may get severe side effects. Ask your doctor or health care professional for advice before increasing or decreasing the dose. Even after you stop taking this medicine it can still affect your body for several days.

You may get drowsy or dizzy. Do not drive, use machinery, or do anything that needs mental alertness until you know how this medicine affects you. To reduce the risk of dizzy and fainting spells, do not stand or sit up quickly, especially if you are an older patient. Alcohol may increase dizziness and drowsiness. Avoid alcoholic drinks.

Do not treat yourself for coughs, colds or allergies without asking your doctor or health care professional for advice. Some ingredients can increase possible side effects.

Where should I keep my medicine?

Keep out of the reach of children. This medicine can be abused. Keep your medicine in a safe place to protect it from theft. Do not share this medicine with anyone. Selling or giving away this medicine is dangerous and against the law.

Store in a refrigerator between 2 and 8 degrees C (36 and 46 degrees F). Do not freeze. Protect from light. Throw away any unused medicine after the expiration date.

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