Aristada (Aripiprazole lauroxil) basics

Helps control your thoughts. Aristada (Aripiprazole lauroxil) is good for schizophrenia, but you’ll need to see your doctor every 4-6 weeks to get the injection.

What to expect when starting

Here’s when people typically experience benefits as well as some possible side effects. Your experience may be different.

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**Drug effectiveness**

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* Data on frequency of side effects is not available.

Tips from pharmacists

- May take up to 4 to 6 weeks to feel full effects.
- Can make you feel restless.
- May cause you to gain weight.
- You will have to take aripiprazole as a tablet for at least 3 weeks after your first injection of Aristada (Aripiprazole lauroxil).
- May cause dizziness or drowsiness.

Risks and warnings

The FDA has identified these as possible serious or life-threatening risks with this medication. Contact your doctor if you experience any of these.

**Increased risk of death**

Older patients with dementia-related psychosis have a higher risk of stroke and sudden death when treated with antipsychotic medications. People over 65 with this condition should not be taking this medicine.

**Neuroleptic malignant syndrome**

This is a rare but life-threatening condition that has been reported. Symptoms include high fever, fast heart rate, full body stiffness, and confusion. Seek medical attention immediately.

**Increased blood sugar, cholesterol, and weight gain**

While antipsychotic drugs like Aristada (Aripiprazole lauroxil) can increase your blood sugar and cholesterol, Aristada (Aripiprazole lauroxil) is one of the least likely to raise your blood sugar and cholesterol among other antipsychotic medications. Your doctor may encourage you to exercise and eat healthy food to lower your risk.

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* Placebo is a sugar pill with no medicinal benefit.
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For more information and to see what other people experienced, check out Adrug/aristada.