Eldepryl (selegiline) basics

Treats Parkinson's disease. Used with other medicines for Parkinson's disease to boost its effect.

What to expect when starting

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

**Eldepryl (selegiline)**
Drug effectiveness

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**Possible side effects**

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**Nausea**
20% chance vs. 6% placebo*

**Dizziness and fainting†**

**Confusion**
6% chance

**Hallucinations**
6% chance vs. 2% placebo*

**Dry mouth**
6% chance vs. 2% placebo*

* Placebo is a sugar pill with no medicinal benefit.
† Data on frequency of side effects is not available.

Tips from pharmacists

- Watch how much smoked meat, cheese, pickles and soy sauce you eat while taking Eldepryl (selegiline) since it can raise your blood pressure.
- Avoid taking your doses later in the day because it can keep you up.
- Don't stop Eldepryl (selegiline) suddenly without talking to your doctor, since it can be dangerous.

Risks and warnings

Contact your doctor if you experience any of these.

**Increased blood pressure**
Avoid eating foods high in tyramine while taking Eldepryl (selegiline), since it can increase your blood pressure.

**Serotonin syndrome**
Combining Eldepryl (selegiline) with other medicines used for your mood can lead to serotonin syndrome, a dangerous and possibly fatal condition. Let your doctor know if you're stable on your antidepressants before starting Eldepryl (selegiline).

**Increased risk of skin cancer**
Parkinson's disease and Eldepryl (selegiline) can increase your risk for skin cancer. Talk to your doctor if you notice any unusual growth or bumps on your skin.

This information relates to Eldepryl prescribed for Parkinson's disease. This should not be taken as medical advice or guidance on your prescription, and is not a substitute for a health care provider's judgment. Any decision about the treatment or the reliability of information is the sole responsibility of your health care provider.

For more information and to see what other people experienced, check out [Eldepryl](#).