

Invega (paliperidone) basics

Helps control your thoughts and mood. Invega (paliperidone) relieves psychotic symptoms and improves mood.

What to expect when starting

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



* Placebo is a sugar pill with no medicinal benefit.

Tips from pharmacists

- Takes up to 6 weeks before you see its full effect on mood.
- Dizziness and drowsiness are common with first-time use.
- Increased cholesterol and blood sugar are common after long-term use.
- Don't drive or do anything that requires concentration until you know how it affects you.
- Follow your dosing schedule carefully if you are switching from a pill to an injection.
- Don't be alarmed if you see empty capsule shells in your stool. This means the medicine was absorbed by your body.

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 death when treated with antipsychotic medications. Invega (paliperidone) is not approved to treat dementia-related psychosis.

Heart problems

Invega (paliperidone) can increase your risk of irregular heartbeat. If you're on medicines to control your heartbeat, let your doctor know. Your doctor might have to run tests or change the doses of your medicines.

Shaking and restlessness

Invega (paliperidone) can cause uncontrollable shaking, muscle stiffness, or feeling very restless. These are called extrapyramidal symptoms, and can be permanent if they're not caught in time. Tell your doctor right away if you experience any abnormal movements or restlessness.