

Latuda (lurasidone) basics

Helps control your thoughts and mood. Latuda (lurasidone) is good for treating schizophrenia and depression related to bipolar disorder, but can cause sleepiness and movement disorders that can affect your ability to stay alert.

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

- Take Latuda (lurasidone) once a day at the same time with a small snack that has at least 350 calories.
- Avoid eating grapefruit or drinking grapefruit juice while taking Latuda (lurasidone). It can negatively affect how Latuda (lurasidone) works.
- Can cause dizziness and nausea, so avoid activities that require you to be alert until you know how this drug affects you.
- Certain antifungal and heart medicines can increase the amount of Latuda (lurasidone) in your body and put you at risk for more side effects. Ask your doctor or pharmacist about any drug interactions between medicines you're taking.
- Usually takes 4-6 weeks to see the full treatment effects on your thoughts and mood.

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. Latuda (lurasidone) is not approved to treat dementia-related psychosis. Talk to your doctor if you have questions.

Suicidal thoughts or behavior

Latuda (lurasidone) can increase the risk of suicidal thoughts or behavior in children and young adults. Watch for worsening depression or any unusual changes in mood or behavior, especially during the first few months of treatment or when the dose is changed. Let your doctor know right away if you experience any of these thoughts. Latuda (lurasidone) is not approved for use in children with depression.

Abnormal and involuntary muscle movements

In some cases, Latuda (lurasidone) can cause involuntary facial or body movements such as sticking out your tongue, smacking of lips, or excessive blinking of your eyes. This can be permanent if it's not treated. Let your doctor know right away if you experience any of these symptoms.