

Nuplazid (Pimavanserin) basics

Helps control psychosis caused by Parkinson's disease. Nuplazid (Pimavanserin) is the only FDA-approved medication to treat psychosis associated with Parkinson's disease.

What to expect when starting

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

| | Hours | Days | Weeks | Months | Long term |
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| Nuplazid (Pimavanserin) Drug effectiveness | | [Blue gradient bar from Day 1 to Week 6] | | | |
| Possible side effects† | | | | | |
| Sleepiness | | [Red gradient bar from Day 1 to Week 6] | | | |
| Low blood pressure | | [Red gradient bar from Day 1 to Week 6] | | | |

† Data on frequency of side effects is not available.

Tips from pharmacists

- It can take up to 6 weeks to feel the full effect of Nuplazid (Pimavanserin).
- Nuplazid (Pimavanserin) won't help with the movement problems caused by Parkinson's, just with the psychosis.
- Take Nuplazid (Pimavanserin) at the same time every day. You can take it with or without food.
- If you forget to take Nuplazid (Pimavanserin), take it as soon as you remember unless it's time for your next dose, then don't take extra medicine to make up for the missed dose.

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. Nuplazid (Pimavanserin) is not approved to treat dementia-related psychosis only Parkinson's related psychosis.

QT prolongation

Talk to your doctor if you've had heartbeat problems or if you're on medicines to control your heartbeat, since Nuplazid (Pimavanserin) might cause changes to your heartbeat which can be life-threatening.

Low blood pressure

Dizziness and falls may occur due to a sudden drop in blood pressure when you change positions, such as going from sitting to standing. This can be worse if you're on medicines for high blood pressure, and usually goes away within a few weeks. Be very careful getting up if you've been sitting or lying down for a while. Talk to your doctor if this bothers you.