

Orap (pimozide) basics

Treats tics that happen with Tourette syndrome. Orap (pimozide) can be used for Tourette's, but your doctor will try other medicines first because of the side effects.

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.

† Data on frequency of side effects is not available.

Tips from pharmacists

- Orap (pimozide) can make you feel sleepy, so don't drive or do anything requiring concentration until you know how it affects you.
- Don't stop taking Orap (pimozide) suddenly without talking to your doctor first.
- Be careful getting up if you've been sitting or lying down for a while, since Orap (pimozide) can make you feel faint.
- Don't have grapefruit or drink alcohol while taking Orap (pimozide).

Risks and warnings

Contact your doctor if you experience any of these.

Difficulty controlling movements

Some people have noticed changes in being able to control movements while on Orap (pimozide). This can be permanent if it's not taken care of right away. Call your doctor right away if this happens.

Neuroleptic malignant syndrome

Taking antipsychotic medications like Orap (pimozide) can cause neuroleptic malignant syndrome which is rare but life-threatening. Symptoms include a very high fever, sweating, stiff muscles, and a fast or irregular heartbeat. Call your doctor or 911 right away.

Higher risk of infection

People on medicines like Orap (pimozide) can have a weakened immune system. This is rare, but makes them more likely to have infections. Call your doctor if you notice you're getting sick or having fevers more often.