

Trilafon (perphenazine) basics

Treats schizophrenia. Trilafon (perphenazine) is a good medicine for schizophrenia, but it can make you gain weight.

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
Trilafon (perphenazine) Drug effectiveness	[Blue bar from Hours to Weeks]				
Possible side effects†	Hours	Days	Weeks	Months	Long term
Drowsiness & sleepiness	[Red bar from Hours to Weeks]				
Higher risk of infection			[Red bar from Weeks to Months]		
Difficulty controlling movements	[Red bar from Days to Long term]				

† Data on frequency of side effects is not available.

Tips from pharmacists

- You might be more sensitive to the sun and heat while taking Trilafon (perphenazine). Use sunscreen if you have to go outside and drink plenty of liquids.
- Don't drink alcohol or take any narcotics while on Trilafon (perphenazine), since it can slow your breathing.
- Stopping Trilafon (perphenazine) suddenly can be very dangerous. Talk to your doctor if you want to stop taking it.
- Don't drive or do anything that requires concentration until you know how Trilafon (perphenazine) affects you.
- Take Trilafon (perphenazine) with food to avoid stomach upset.

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.

Higher risk of death

Older people who have dementia and psychosis have a higher risk of death if they take antipsychotic medicines like Trilafon (perphenazine). They shouldn't be given this medicine.

Difficulty controlling movements

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

Higher risk for falls

Trilafon (perphenazine) can make you more likely to fall because it can cause sleepiness and changes in blood pressure, which can make you feel faint. Your doctor will check you regularly to see if Trilafon (perphenazine) is appropriate for you.