

# Tofranil-PM (imipramine pamoate) basics

**Improves your mood.** Tofranil-PM (imipramine pamoate) is one of the first choice medicines used to treat depression, but it can cause weight gain and sleepiness.

## What to expect when starting

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



† Data on frequency of side effects is not available.

## Tips from pharmacists

- You might need to take Tofranil-PM (imipramine pamoate) for a few weeks before you notice any changes in your mood.
- Don't drink alcohol while taking Tofranil-PM (imipramine pamoate).
- If you miss your bedtime dose, skip it and take your regular dose the next evening. Don't take extra medicine to make up for the missed dose.
- You might be more sensitive to the sun while taking Tofranil-PM (imipramine pamoate). Make sure to drink plenty of liquids, wear sunscreen, or cover your skin if you'll be out in the sun.
- Tofranil-PM (imipramine pamoate) 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 Tofranil-PM (imipramine pamoate) without talking to your doctor first.

## 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 suicide

Taking Tofranil-PM (imipramine pamoate) can make you more likely to harm yourself or commit suicide, especially if you are younger and during the first few weeks of taking the medicine. If you or your child feel like they want to hurt themselves while taking Tofranil-PM (imipramine pamoate), call the doctor right away.

### Possible bipolar disorder

Sometimes depression can be the first sign of a bipolar disorder, and taking medicines like Tofranil-PM (imipramine pamoate) might start a bipolar episode. Talk to your doctor right away if you or your loved ones notice unusual changes in your behavior. You may have to change medicines, since Tofranil-PM (imipramine pamoate) is not used to treat bipolar disorder.

### Heart problems

Talk to your doctor if you've had heart disease or an overactive thyroid before you start Tofranil-PM (imipramine pamoate). Tofranil-PM (imipramine pamoate) can cause problems with the heartbeat, heart failure, heart attack, and stroke. Your doctor will have to check your heart regularly to make sure it's healthy.