

Amisulpride (pron. amy-sull-pride)

What is amisulpride used for?

Amisulpride (also known as Solian[®]) is mainly used to help treat the symptoms of psychosis, schizophrenia and mania, and to help stop the symptoms coming back. It can also be used to help dementia, obsessive thoughts and behavioural disorders. Amisulpride is made as tablets and a syrup.

What is the usual dose of amisulpride?

The usual dose of amisulpride is around 100mg to 1000mg a day. It can be lower in older people.

How and when should I take amisulpride?

Swallow the tablets with at least half a glass of water whilst sitting or standing. For the liquid, use a medicine spoon, dropper or oral syringe. If the label says to take it once a day this may be best at bedtime as it may make you sleepy at first.

How long will amisulpride take to work?

It will usually start working within a couple of days. The effect then builds over the next few weeks.

How long will I need to keep taking amisulpride for?

This will depend on how well your symptoms are controlled. Talk to your doctor about this.

Can I stop taking amisulpride suddenly?

Amisulpride is not addictive but do not stop taking it suddenly, even if you feel better. Your symptoms can return if stopped too early. This may occur weeks or even months after stopping amisulpride.

What should I do if I forget to take a dose of amisulpride?

Take the missed dose as soon as you remember unless it is within about 3-4 hours of your next dose. If you remember after this just take the next dose as normal. Do not try to catch up by taking two doses at once as you may get more side-effects.

Can I drink alcohol while I am taking amisulpride?

If you drink alcohol while taking amisulpride it may make you feel more sleepy.

What sort of side-effects might I get if I am taking amisulpride?

Most people get:	Many people also get:	A few people get:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Muscles feeling stiff • A slight shake or tremor • Feeling restless • Sleepiness during the day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low blood pressure when you stand up • Headache • Women may have breast changes and irregular or no periods • Constipation (you can't poop) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blurred vision • Skin rash • Weight gain • Sexual problems

Do not be worried by this list of side effects. Some people get no side effects at all and others may get some effects that are not listed here. If you think you might have a side effect to your medicine, you should ask your doctor, nurse or pharmacist.

Can I drive or cycle while I am taking amisulpride?

You may feel a bit sleepy at first when taking amisulpride. It may slow down your reaction times. Until this wears off, or you know how amisulpride affects you, do not drive or operate machinery.

The small print: This short leaflet is to help you understand about your medicine. You should also read the manufacturer's Patient Information Leaflet (PIL) or visit our website for more information. Do not share medicines with anyone else.