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1. WHAT FLUOXETINE CAPSULES ARE AND WHAT THEY ARE USED FOR

Fluoxetine capsules are used to treat depression. (known as selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs)).

These medicines all take time to work, usually about two weeks but sometimes longer.

2. WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE YOU TAKE FLUOXETINE CAPSULES

Do not take Fluoxetine if you are:

• allergic to Fluoxetine or any of the other ingredients listed on section 6.

If you develop any of these reactions (like swelling, eczema or shortness of breath), stop taking the capsules straight away and contact your doctor immediately.

3. HOW TO TAKE FLUOXETINE CAPSULES

Fluoxetine capsules can cause problems. You may need to talk to your doctor. See section 2 for further information.

4. POSSIBLE SIDE-EFFECTS

Taking some other medicines with Fluoxetine can cause problems.

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Shake the bottle well before taking Fluoxetine if any of the following applies to you:

• take Fluoxetine with or without food, whatever you prefer

• you should avoid alcohol while you are taking this medicine

• you shouldn’t start to take the herbal remedy St John’s wort while you are being treated with Fluoxetine since this may result in an increase in side effects. If you are already taking St John’s wort and you start Fluoxetine treatment, your doctor may need to consider different antidepressant treatments.

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• other medicines which can thin the blood (including clopidogrel, used to treat certain medical conditions related to blood clotting and aspirin); Fluoxetine may alter the effect of these medicines on the blood. If Fluoxetine capsules treatment is started or stopped when you are taking warfarin, your doctor will need to perform certain tests.

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The following side effects have also been reported in patients:

- irritable and extreme agitation;
- feeling worse. If you feel like this, tell your doctor immediately.

**4. POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS**

It is very important that you discuss this with your doctor or pharmacist.

- nausea; vomiting; difficult swallowing
- feeling hot or cold
- muscle twitching, involuntary movements or problems with balance or co-ordination
- breathing difficulties
- craving
- sweating
- feeling tired or weak
- blurred vision
- hallucinations
- joint pain
- incontinence of urine
- fainting
- changes in sexual performance
- changes in skin color

**5. HOW TO TAKE FLUOXETINE CAPSULES**

Do not use this medicine after the expiry date (EXP), which is stated on the pack. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.

Do not throw away any medications via wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to dispose of any medications you no longer use. These measures will help protect the environment.

**What Fluoxetine capsules contain**

- the active substance is fluoxetine hydrochloride. Each capsule contains fluoxetine hydrochloride equivalent to 10, 30, 40 or 60 mg of fluoxetine hydrochloride. The capsule shell is made of gelatin, patented blue V (E131), yellow iron oxide (E172) and the 10 mg capsules also contains sodium lauryl sulfate. What Fluoxetine capsules look like and the contents of the pack: Fluoxetine capsules are hard gelatin capsules. The 10 mg capsules have an off-white opaque body marked F10 and a dark green opaque marked 10’ containing a white to off-white powder.

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