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Remeron Information Guide

**Manufacturer:**

Organon Inc.

Generic Name:

Mirtazapine

Date Approved:

January 12, 2001

Status:

On the market

Approved Uses:

Mental depression

Off Label Uses:

Panic / Anxiety
Bipolar depression
Sleep disorders
Chronic fatigue
Fibromyalgia
Arthritis
Lupus
Irritable Bowel Syndrome

Serious Side Effects:

Suicidal ideation
Suicide attempts
Blood defect
Bone marrow defect

Related Topics:

Antidepressants
Defective Drug

The Case Against Remeron:

Remeron, (generic name: mirtazapine), is indicated for the treatment of mental depression. Signs of depression include a depressed mood, weight change, insomnia, fatigue, agitation, suicidal tendencies, feelings of guilt and loss of interest in activities. Remeron comes as a tablet. Approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in 2001, Remeron is made by Organon.

Remeron has been linked to numerous adverse reactions. The Federal Government's Adverse Drug Reactions Advisory Committee has received dozens of reports involving serious blood and bone marrow abnormalities. Remeron has been linked to liver problems and hallucinations.

In October 2003, the FDA notified healthcare professionals of reports of the occurrence of suicidality (both suicidal ideation and suicide attempts) in clinical trials for various antidepressant drugs in pediatric patients with major depressive disorder (MDD). FDA has completed a preliminary review of such reports for 8 antidepressant drugs (citalopram, fluoxetine, fluvoxamine, mirtazapine, nefazodone, paroxetine, sertraline, and venlafaxine) studied under the pediatric exclusivity provision, and has determined that additional data and analysis, and also a public discussion of available data, are needed.

Potential side effects of Remeron include, but may not be limited to, drowsiness, dizziness, anxiousness, constipation, upset stomach, vomiting, confusion and dry mouth.

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Remeron (Mirtazapine)

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia.

Mirtazapine is a prescription antidepressant introduced by Organon International in 1996. It is marketed under the tradenames Remeron® in the United States and Finland, Avanza® in Australia, Zispin® in the United Kingdom, Norset® in France and Remergil® in Germany). It is used primarily for the treatment of clinical depression in adults. It has a tetracyclic chemical structure and is a white to creamy white crystalline powder, distributed in tablets of 15mg, 30mg, and 45mg.

Mirtazapine is chemically unrelated to other antidepressants. It is thought to work by blocking presynaptic alpha-2 adrenergic receptors that normally inhibit the release of the neurotransmitters norepinephrine and serotonin, thereby increasing active levels in the synapse. Mirtazapine also blocks post-synaptic 5-HT2 and 5-HT3 receptors—an action which is thought to enhance serotonergic neurotransmission while causing a low incidence of side effects.

Side Effects

The side effects that do occur are thought to be primarily related to the blockage of histamine receptors, which decreases with higher dosages. These side effects may include:

Drowsiness, especially at lower doses

Dizziness

Anxiousness

Confusion

Increased weight and appetite

Dry mouth

Constipation

upset stomach

Vomiting

Vivid, unusual, and often times frightening dreams or nightmares

Interestingly, its side effect profile can be used for benefit in certain clinical situations. The drowsiness, increased appetite, and weight gain it causes are useful in patients with depressive disorders with prominent sleep and appetite disturbances. In addition, it is quite useful in inpatient situations in which patients suffer from nausea since it also antagonizes the 5-HT3 receptor, the target of the popular anti-emetic ondansetron (Zofran®).

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