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Drug NDC: 59148-0013-15
Drug Name: ABILIFY

How should I use this medicine?

Take this medicine by mouth. Follow the directions on the prescription label. Use a specially marked spoon or container to measure the dose. Ask your pharmacist if you do not have one. Household spoons are not accurate. You can take this medicine with or without food. Take your doses at regular intervals. Do not take your medicine more often than directed. Do not stop taking except on the advice of your doctor or health care professional. A special MedGuide will be given to you by the pharmacist with each prescription and refill. Be sure to read this information carefully each time. Talk to your pediatrician regarding the use of this medicine in children. While this drug may be prescribed for children as young as 6 years of age for selected conditions, precautions do apply.

Overdosage: If you think you have taken too much of this medicine contact a poison control center or emergency room at once.
NOTE: This medicine is only for you. Do not share this medicine with others.

Where should I keep my medicine?

Keep out of the reach of children. Store in a refrigerator between 2 and 8 degrees C (36 and 46 degrees F). Open bottles should also be stored in this manner and can be used for up to 6 months after opening. Throw away any unused medicine after the expiration date or this 6 month period, whichever is sooner.

NOTE: This sheet is a summary. It may not cover all possible information. If you have questions about this medicine, talk to your doctor, pharmacist, or health care provider.

What should I watch for while using this medicine?

Visit your doctor or health care professional for regular checks on your progress. It may be several weeks before you see the full effects of this medicine. Do not suddenly stop taking this medicine. You may need to gradually reduce the dose. Patients and their families should watch out for worsening depression or thoughts of suicide. Also watch out for sudden changes in feelings such as feeling anxious, agitated, panicky, irritable, hostile, aggressive, impulsive, severely restless, overly excited and hyperactive, or not being able to sleep. If this happens, especially at the beginning of antidepressant treatment or after a change in dose, call your health care professional. You may get dizzy or drowsy. Do not drive, use machinery, or do anything that needs mental alertness until you know how this medicine affects you. Do not stand or sit up quickly, especially if you are an older patient. This reduces the risk of dizzy or fainting spells. Alcohol can increase dizziness and drowsiness. Avoid alcoholic drinks. This medicine can reduce the response of your body to heat or cold. Dress warm in cold weather and stay hydrated in hot weather. If possible, avoid extreme temperatures like saunas, hot tubs, very hot or cold showers, or activities that can cause dehydration such as vigorous exercise. This medicine may cause dry eyes and blurred vision. If you wear contact lenses you may feel some discomfort. Lubricating drops may help. See your eye doctor if the problem does not go away or is severe. If you notice an increased hunger or thirst, different from your normal hunger or thirst, or if you find that you have to urinate more frequently, you should contact your health care provider as soon as possible. You may need to have your blood sugar monitored. This medicine may cause changes in your blood sugar levels. You should monitor your blood sugar frequently if you have diabetes. This solution contains sucrose and fructose. There have been reports of uncontrollable and strong urges to gamble, binge eat, shop, and have sex while taking this medicine. If you experience any of these or other uncontrollable and strong urges while taking this medicine, you should report it to your health care provider as soon as possible.

What is this medicine?

ARIPIPRAZOLE (ay ri PIP ray zole) is an atypical antipsychotic. It is used to treat schizophrenia and bipolar disorder, also known as manic-depression. It is also used to treat Tourette's disorder and some symptoms of autism. This medicine may also be used in combination with antidepressants to treat major depressive disorder.

This medicine may be used for other purposes; ask your health care provider or pharmacist if you have questions.

What should I tell my health care provider before I take this medicine?

They need to know if you have any of these conditions: dehydration; dementia; diabetes; heart disease; history stroke; low blood counts, like low white cell, platelet, or red cell counts; Parkinson's disease; seizures; suicidal thoughts, plans, or attempt; a previous suicide attempt by you or a family member; an unusual or allergic reaction to aripiprazole, other medicines, foods, dyes, or preservatives; pregnant or trying to get pregnant; breast-feeding

What if I miss a dose?

If you miss a dose, take it as soon as you can. If it is almost time for your next dose, take only that dose. Do not take double or extra doses.

What side effects may I notice from receiving this medicine?

Side effects that you should report to your doctor or health care professional as soon as possible: allergic reactions like skin rash, itching or hives, swelling of the face, lips, or tongue; breathing problems; confusion; feeling faint or lightheaded, falls; fever or chills, sore throat; increased hunger or thirst; increased urination; joint pain; muscle pain, spasms; problems with balance, talking, walking; restlessness or need to keep moving; seizures; suicidal thoughts or other mood changes; trouble swallowing; uncontrollable and excessive urges (examples: gambling, binge eating, shopping, having sex); uncontrollable head, mouth, neck, arm, or leg movements; unusually weak or tired; Side effects that usually do not require medical attention (report to your doctor or health care professional if they continue or are bothersome): blurred vision; constipation; headache; nausea, vomiting; trouble sleeping; weight gain

This list may not describe all possible side effects. Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.