

Medication Information

Fluvoxamine (Flu – vox – e – meen)

Other names for this medication

Luvox[®]

How this medication is used

This medication helps to improve mood and is used to treat depression. This medication may also be used to treat anxiety disorders. It may also be used to treat other conditions. Ask your doctor or health care provider if you are not sure why you are taking this medication.

It may take up to 4 weeks to get the full effect of this medication.

If you are pregnant or planning to become pregnant, talk to your doctor about the risks and benefits of taking this medication.

How to take this medication

Take this medication exactly as directed by your doctor. Fluvoxamine is usually taken once or two times a day.

If this medication makes you sleepy, take it in the evening.

If you miss a dose of this medication, take it as soon as possible. However, if it is almost time for the next dose, skip the missed dose and go back to your regular time. Do not take 2 doses at one time.

Tablets: Swallow the tablets whole with a full glass of water.

Do not take more of this medication without talking to your doctor. Do not stop taking this medication without talking to your doctor first.

Always check with your doctor or health care provider before taking any over-the-counter medications such as antihistamines, cold remedies or natural and herbal products.

While taking this medication you may notice

- nausea
- dizziness
- diarrhea
- dry mouth
- headache
- drowsiness
- constipation
- increased sweating
- tremor

Most of these side effects will go away as your body gets used to the medication.

Take this medication with food if it upsets your stomach.

While taking this medication you may notice (continued)

To avoid feeling dizzy, get up slowly when you have been sitting or lying down. If you feel dizzy, sit or lie down until you are no longer dizzy, then get up slowly.

Until you know how this medication affects you, do not drive or operate machinery.

Contact your doctor if you notice

- you feel less interested or able to have sex
- skin rash or itchy skin
- restless or excited feelings
- behavioural or emotional changes, including thoughts of self-harm or suicide
- fast heart beat, excessive sweating and muscle twitching

Contact your pharmacist if you have any questions about your medication.