ATOMOXETINE

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What does it do?

Atomoxetine is used to treat ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder).

Before you start

- Tell your doctor if you have liver, heart, or eye problems (e.g. glaucoma), a mood disorder, or if you have ever had a seizure.
- Tell your doctor if you are pregnant, planning to become pregnant, or breastfeeding.

How should you take it?

Take *atomoxetine* regularly as directed with a glass of water.

What if you forget a dose?

Take the missed dose as soon as possible. If it is close to the time for your next dose, skip the missed dose and carry on as normal. Do not take two doses at the same time.

Can you take other medicines?

Tell your pharmacist or doctor about all medicines or treatments that you may be taking, including vitamins, herbal products or recreational drugs.

What side effects might you notice?

Side Effects	Recommended action
Suicidal thoughts Prolonged erection (longer than four hours) Symptoms of allergy including: skin rash, itching, swelling, trouble breathing Seizures Fast or irregular heartbeat, chest pain Symptoms of liver problems including: yellow skin or eyes, itching, dark urine, pale bowel motions, abdominal pain	Tell your doctor immediately
Agitation, anxiety, mood changes Changes in vision Trouble peeing	Tell your doctor
Headache, trouble sleeping, drowsiness Tremor, tingling or numbness, muscle weakness Sweating, chills Painful or irregular periods, hot flushing, changes in sexual function Dry mouth, changes in taste, change of appetite or weight, constipation	Tell your doctor if troublesome
Stomach upset	Take with food

If you notice any other effects, discuss them with your doctor or pharmacist.

Other information:

- *Atomoxetine* can impair your ability to do tasks such as driving or using machines. Alcohol makes this worse. Discuss your risk with your health professional. (search NZTA - Are you safe to drive?)
- *Atomoxetine* does not work straight away. It should start to work in about a month.