AMANTADINE

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What does it do?

Amantadine is used to treat Parkinson's disease and sometimes other conditions.

Before you start

- Tell your doctor if you have kidney or mental health problems, heart failure, angle-closure glaucoma, or have ever had a seizure.
- Tell your doctor if you are pregnant, planning to become pregnant, or breastfeeding.

How should you take it?

Take *amantadine* regularly as directed with a glass of water. You can take it with or without food.

Do not stop taking *amantadine* suddenly without talking to your doctor first. Your doctor may reduce the dose gradually.

What if you forget a dose?

If it is nearly time for your next dose, skip the missed dose and take your next dose at the usual time. Otherwise, take the missed dose as soon as you remember. 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
Reduced number of blood cells that fight infections in your body - symptoms include: fever, chills, sore throat or generally feeling unwell	Tell your doctor immediately
Trouble thinking clearly or concentrating Seeing, hearing or feeling things that aren't really there Unusual urges (e.g. gambling, eating, spending, sex) Swollen feet or legs, short of breath	Tell your doctor
Dizziness Constipation Dry mouth Net-like red, blue or purple skin patches	Tell your doctor if troublesome

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

Other information:

- *Amantadine* can impair your ability to do tasks such as driving or using machines. Alcohol makes this worse. Discuss your risk with your health professional. See Are you safe to drive?