

# Nortriptyline

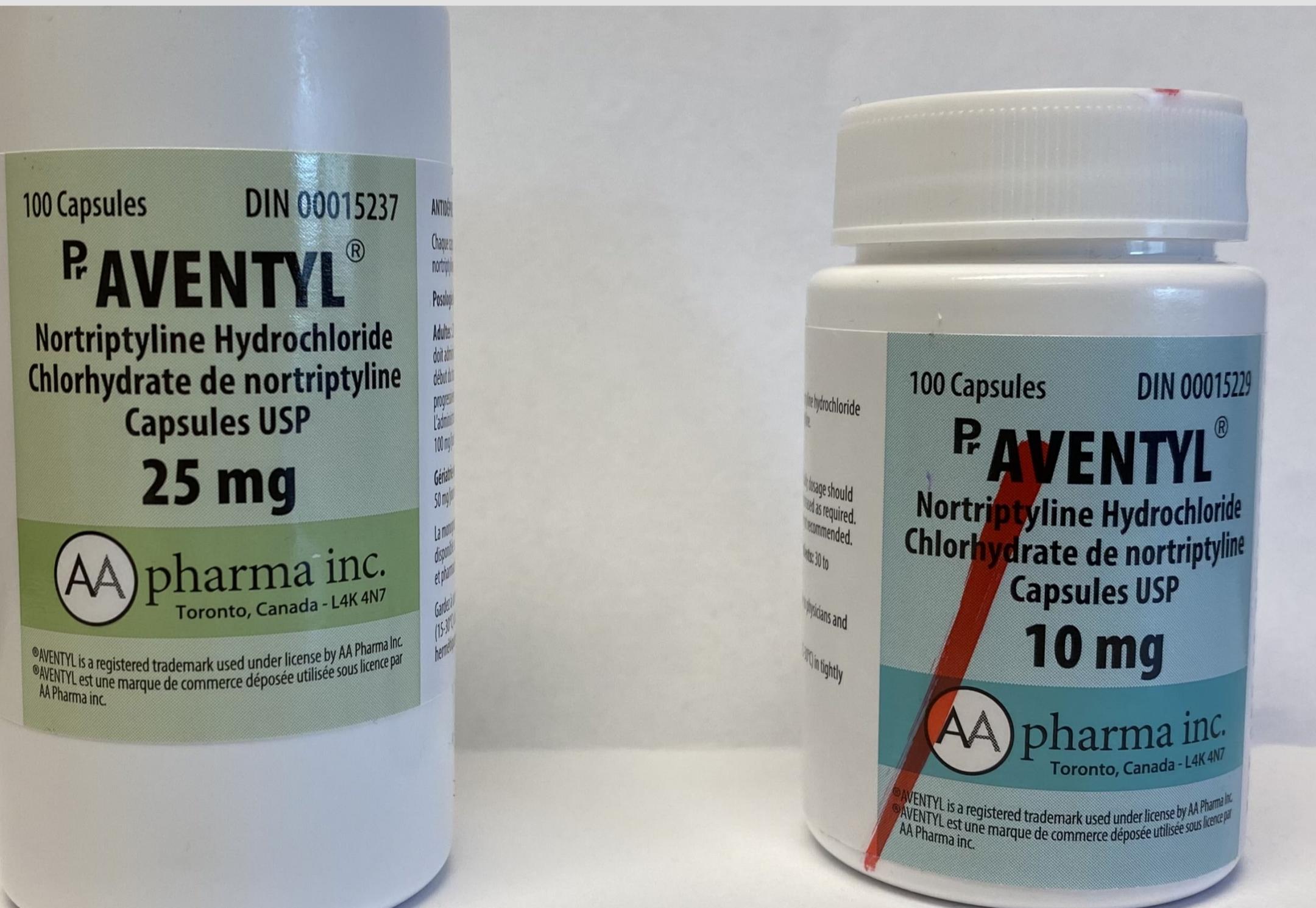
Aventyl

## What is this drug used for?



To relieve your pain

It may be prescribed to you for other reasons. Talk with your doctor.

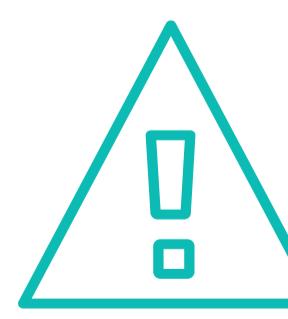


## Warning!

- Call your doctor right away if signs like depression, nervousness, restlessness, panic attacks, and changes in mood or actions are new or worse occur.
- People who take this drug may be at a greater risk of having thoughts or actions of suicide.
- You may get sunburned more easily. Be careful in hot weather and hydrate regularly.
- This drug is not approved for use in children.

## What do I need to tell my doctor BEFORE I take this drug?

 If you have an allergy to nortriptyline or any other part of this drug, or if you have any allergies in general.

 If you have taken certain drugs used for low mood (depression) or drugs used for Parkinson's disease in the last 14 days.

*This is not a list of all drugs or health problems that interact with this drug.*

 If you are taking linezolid or methylene blue.

 If you have had a recent heart attack.

## What are some things I need to know or do while I take this drug?

-  Tell all of your health care providers that you take this drug.

This includes your doctors, nurses, pharmacists, and dentists.

-  To lower the chance of feeling dizzy or passing out, rise slowly over a few minutes when sitting or lying down.

Be careful climbing stairs.

-  Avoid driving and doing other tasks or actions that call for you to be alert until you see how this drug affects you.

-  If you have high blood sugar (diabetes), you will need to watch your blood sugar closely.

-  Tell your doctor if you are breastfeeding.

-  If you are 65 or older, use this drug with care.

-  If you have been taking this drug for many weeks, talk with your doctor before stopping.

You may want to slowly stop this drug.

-  Some people may have a higher chance of eye problems with this drug. Your doctor may want you to have an eye exam to see if you have a higher chance of these eye problems.

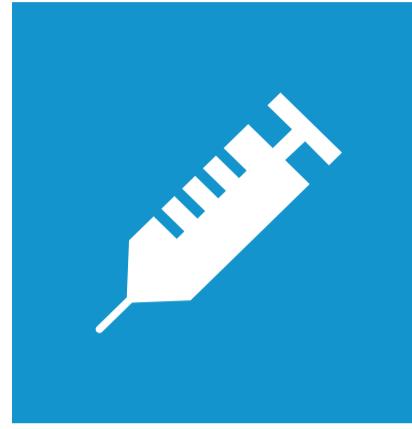
-  Talk with your doctor before you use other drugs and natural products.

-  Avoid drinking alcohol while taking this drug.

-  Talk with your doctor if you have seizures or have ever had seizures.

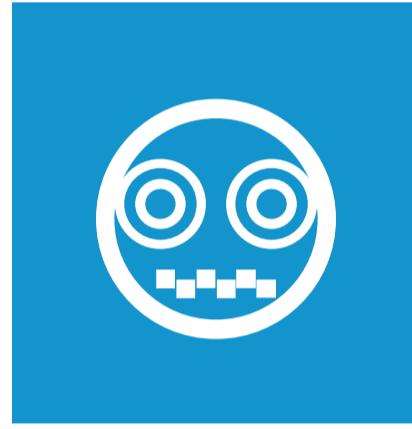
-  Tell your doctor if you are pregnant or plan on getting pregnant.

# What are some side effects that I need to call my doctor about right away?

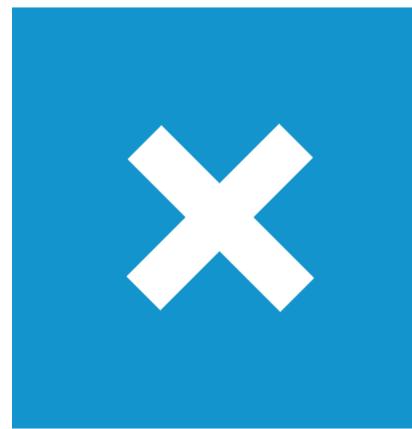


## Signs of an allergic reaction

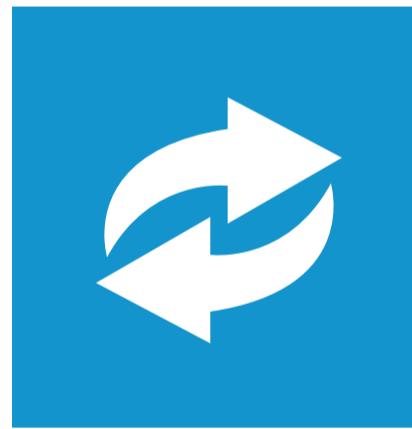
Rash; hives; itching; red, swollen, blistered, or peeling skin with or without fever; wheezing; tightness in the chest or throat; trouble breathing or talking; unusual hoarseness; or swelling of the mouth, face, lips, tongue, or throat.



## Very bad dizziness or passing out.



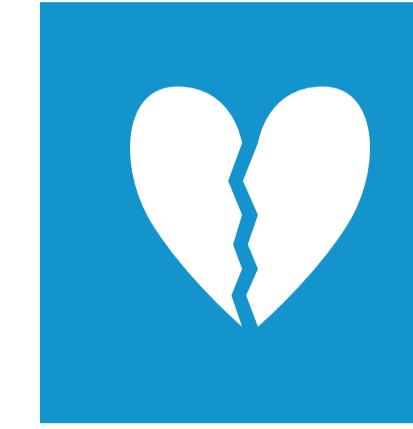
## Not able to pass urine.



## Change in sex ability.



## Any unexplained bruising or bleeding.



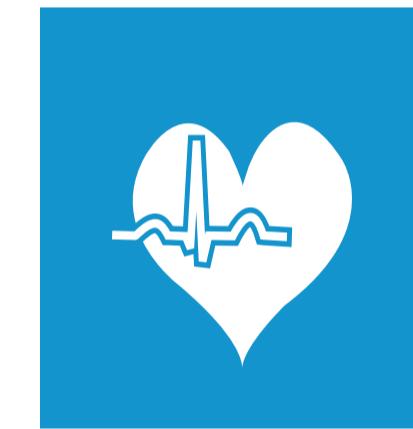
## If you're planning to harm yourself.



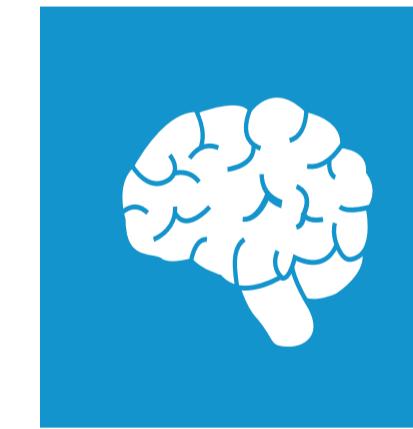
## Feeling confused.



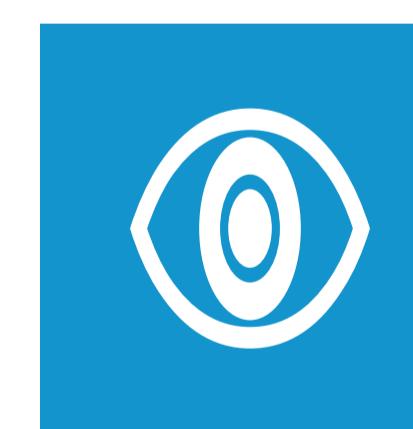
## Feeling very tired, sleepy or weak.



## Chest pain.



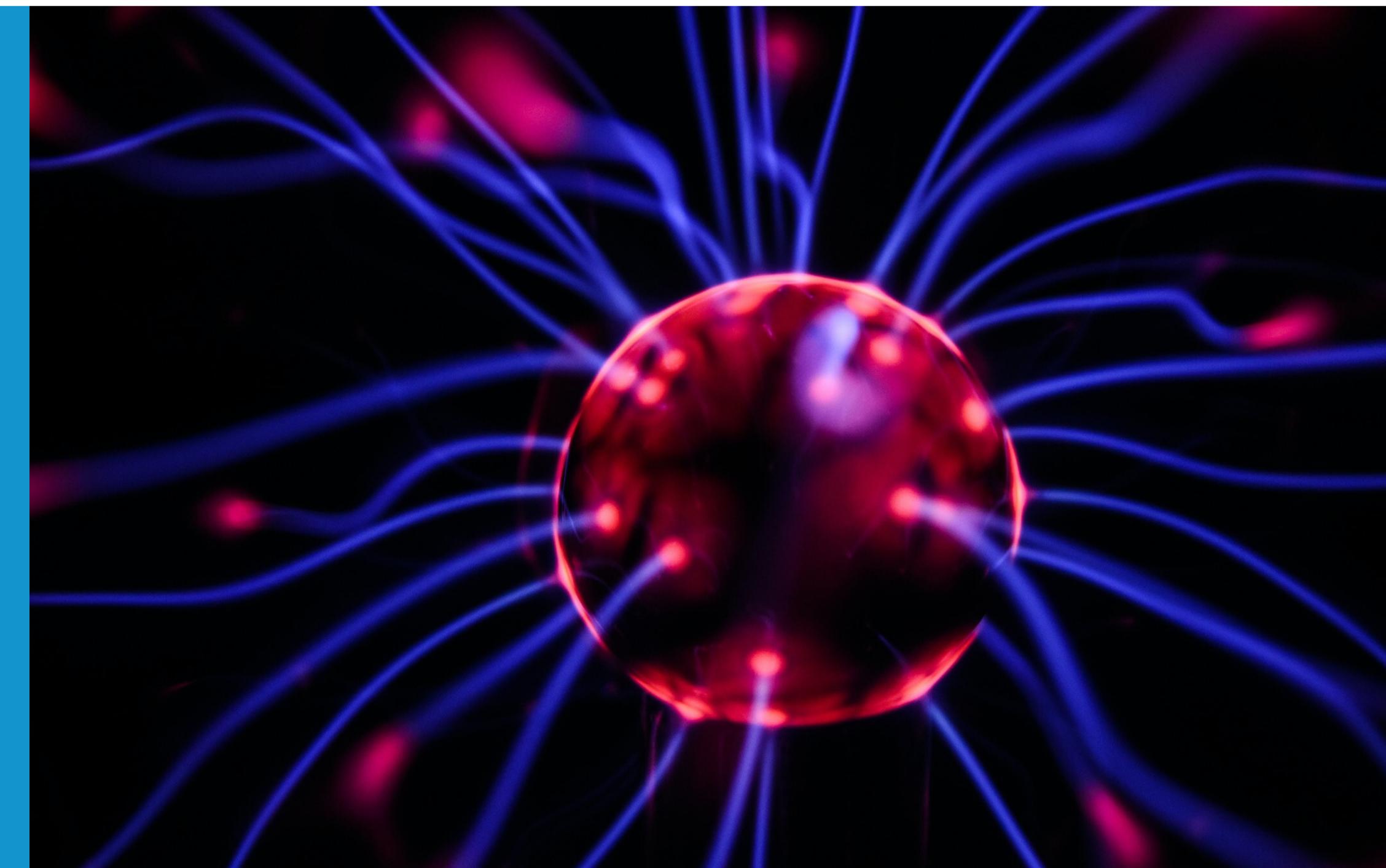
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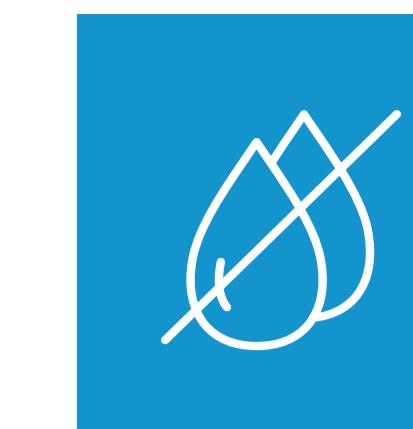
## Yellow skin / eyes, or change in eyesight.

## Serotonin syndrome

A very bad and sometimes deadly syndrome. Call your doctor right away if you have agitation; change in balance; confusion; hallucinations; fever; fast or abnormal heartbeat; flushing; muscle twitching or stiffness; seizures, shivering or shaking; sweating a lot; very bad diarrhea, upset stomach, throwing up; or very bad headache.



# What are some common side effects?



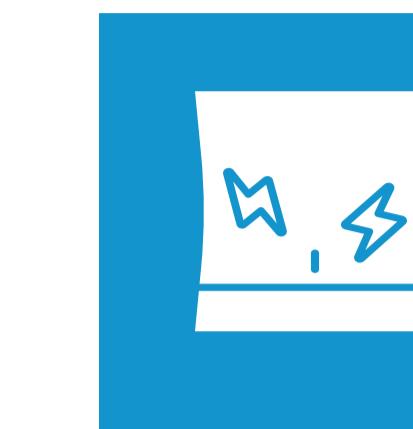
## Dry mouth.



## Headaches or dizziness.



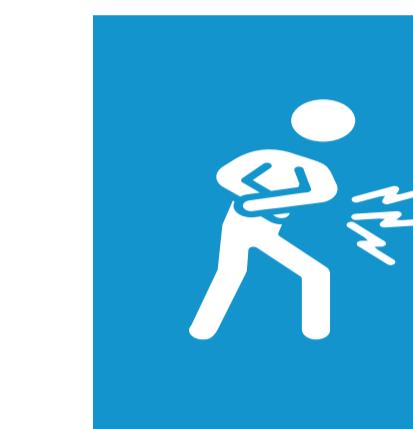
## Hard stools (constipation).



## Loose stools (diarrhea).



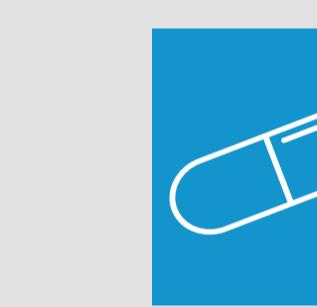
## Weight gain.



## Upset stomach, or throwing up.

*Call your doctor or get medical help if any of these side effects or any other side effects bother you or do not go away*

## How is this drug best taken?



## Use this drug as ordered by your doctor. Follow all instructions closely.

- Take with or without food. Take with food if it causes an upset stomach.
- Take at bedtime if it causes sleepiness.
- Keep taking this drug as you have been told by your doctor or other health care provider, even if you feel well.
- Measure liquid doses carefully.

## General drug facts

- If your symptoms or health problems do not get better or if they become worse, call your doctor.
- Talk with your doctor before starting any new drug, including prescription or OTC, natural products, or vitamins.
- Ask your doctor or talk with a pharmacist for information on what to do if you miss a dose or how to store your drugs.

**If you think there has been an overdose, call your poison control center or get medical care right away. Ontario Poison Control Centre : (416)-813-5900**

