

Duloxetine

Cymbalta

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.

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



If you have an allergy to duloxetine 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.



If you are taking linezolid, methylene blue, thioridazine, ciprofloxacin or fluvoxamine.



If you have kidney or liver disease.

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

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.
- ✔ **Avoid driving and doing other tasks or actions that call for you to be alert until you see how this drug affects you.**
- ✔ **Low blood pressure, falls, and passing out have happened with this drug.**
- ✔ **If you have high blood sugar (diabetes), you will need to watch your blood sugar closely.**
- ✔ **Talk with your doctor before you use other drugs and natural products that slow your actions.**
- ✔ **Avoid drinking alcohol while taking this drug.**
- ✔ **Tell your doctor if you're pregnant, plan on getting pregnant, or if you're breast-feeding.**
- ✔ **This drug may affect growth in children and teens in some cases. They may need regular growth checks.**
- ✔ **This drug may raise the chance of bleeding. Sometimes, bleeding can be life-threatening. Talk with the doctor.**
- ✔ **This drug may affect certain lab tests. Tell all of your health care providers and lab workers that you take this drug.**
- ✔ **Check blood pressure and heart rate as the doctor has told you.**
- ✔ **If you are 65 or older, use this drug with care.**

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.



Signs of bleeding.

Like throwing up blood or throw up that looks like coffee grounds; coughing up blood; blood in the urine; black, red, or tarry stools; bleeding from the gums; vaginal bleeding that is not normal; bruises without a reason or that get bigger; or any bleeding that is very bad or that you cannot stop.



Signs of low sodium levels.

Like headache, trouble focusing, memory problems or loss, feeling confused, weakness, seizures, or change in balance.



Signs of high blood pressure.

Like very bad headache or dizziness, passing out, or change in eyesight.



Change in sex ability or not able to pass urine



Eye problems.



Very bad and sometimes deadly liver problems have happened with this drug.

Call your doctor right away if you have signs of liver problems like dark urine, feeling tired, not hungry, upset stomach or stomach pain, light-colored stools, throwing up, or yellow skin or eyes.

What are some common side effects?



Tired, dizzy, sleepy or weak.



Dry mouth or sweating a lot.



Loose stools (diarrhea).



Hard stools (constipation).



Upset stomach or throwing up.



Not hungry or weight gain.

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.
- Swallow whole. Do not chew, break, or crush. Do not open the capsules.

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

Stevens-Johnson syndrome

A very bad skin reaction (Stevens-Johnson syndrome/toxic epidermal necrolysis) may happen. It can cause very bad health problems that may not go away, and sometimes death. Get medical help right away if you have signs like red, swollen, blistered, or peeling skin (with or without fever); red or irritated eyes; or sores in your mouth, throat, nose, or eyes.

