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Getting Abilify Maintena safely

aripiprazole · monthly injection given by your care team

3 MISTAKES TO AVOID

1. **Missing an injection**
   Call your clinic right away. Waiting too long means treatment has to be restarted.
2. **Keeping side effects to yourself**
   Weight, blood sugar and cholesterol need checks. Report urges and new movements.
3. **Alcohol, or new medicines without checking**
   No alcohol. Some medicines change aripiprazole levels. Ask us first.

Your injection schedule (mistake #1)

- **Once a month**, in the arm or buttock, by your care team.
- **After shot 2 or 3:** more than 5 weeks since your last shot means a restart.
- **After shot 4 or later:** more than 6 weeks means a restart.
- **A restart** can mean extra shots, or aripiprazole tablets again for 2 weeks.

Check with us first (mistake #3)

- **Do not drink alcohol** during treatment.
- **Raise levels:** ketoconazole, fluoxetine, paroxetine. **Lower levels:** carbamazepine. Your dose may need to change.
- **Don't start or stop any medicine** without talking to your provider. Tell us about every prescription, OTC medicine, vitamin and herbal product.

EMERGENCY: CALL 911
High fever, stiff muscles, confusion, sweating, pulse or blood pressure changes (possible NMS): go to the nearest emergency room.

Call your provider if you notice

- Feeling very thirsty or hungry, urinating more, feeling weak or confused (high blood sugar)
- Strong urges to gamble, shop, binge eat, or other urges you can't control
- Movements of your face, tongue or body that you can't control

Every day

Don't drive until you know how it affects you. **Don't get too hot or dehydrated:** easy on exercise, stay cool, drink plenty of water. Stand up slowly.

IMPORTANT
Boxed warning: not for older adults with dementia-related psychosis. In them, antipsychotics raise the risk of stroke and death.

Pregnant, planning to be, or breastfeeding? Talk with your provider. Use late in pregnancy can cause muscle movements or withdrawal symptoms in newborns.

Questions? Ask Dr. Mike at fairviewpharm.com/medications

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