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Getting Aristada safely

aripiprazole lauroxil · long-acting injection given by your care team

3 MISTAKES TO AVOID

1. **Missing an injection**
   Call your clinic right away. A late shot may need extra medicine to catch up.
2. **Keeping side effects to yourself**
   Restlessness is most common. Report blood sugar signs, urges and new movements.
3. **Starting a new medicine without checking**
   Some medicines raise or lower aripiprazole levels. Ask us first.

Your injection schedule (mistake #1)

- **Every month, every 6 weeks, or every 2 months**, depending on your dose, by your care team.
- **Missed one?** Next shot as soon as possible. Depending on how late, you may also need an Aristada Initio shot or aripiprazole tablets for 7 or 21 days.
- **Never sooner than 14 days** after your last shot.

Check with us first (mistake #3)

- **Raise levels:** itraconazole, clarithromycin, fluoxetine, paroxetine. **Lower levels:** carbamazepine, rifampin.
- **More than 2 weeks** of one of these can mean a change in your Aristada dose.
- **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, and it may lower milk supply.

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

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