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Taking Austedo XR safely

deutetrabenazine · extended-release tablet, once a day

3 MISTAKES TO AVOID

1. **Breaking the tablet, or restarting on your own**
   Swallow it whole. Stopped more than a week? Call before the next dose.
2. **Combining it with the wrong medicine**
   Four medicines are never allowed with it. Ask us first.
3. **Missing mood changes with Huntington's disease**
   Watch for depression and suicidal thoughts. Call or text 988.

How to take it

- **1 time a day, with or without food.** Swallow whole with water. Don't chew, crush or break it.
- An empty tablet shell in your stool is normal.
- **Stopped for more than 1 week?** Don't take another dose until you talk to your provider. The dose may need to be built back up.

Never with Austedo XR (mistake #2)

- **Valbenazine** or **tetrabenazine** (from tetrabenazine, start the day after the last dose).
- **Reserpine**: wait at least 20 days after the last dose.
- **MAOI medicines**: not with them, or within 14 days of stopping one.
- **Fluoxetine, paroxetine, bupropion** raise its levels; your dose may need to be lower. Tell us about every prescription, OTC medicine, vitamin and herbal product.

Huntington's disease: it can cause depression and suicidal thoughts. Watch for sadness, hopelessness, sleep changes or thoughts of self-harm and call your provider right away. **Thoughts of suicide? Call or text 988.**

EMERGENCY: CALL 911
High fever, trouble thinking, heavy sweating, stiff muscles, very fast or uneven heartbeat (possible NMS): call your provider and go to the nearest emergency room.

Tell your provider about

- Sleepiness (don't drive until you know how it affects you; alcohol adds to it)
- Restlessness, shaking, stiffness, balance trouble or falls
- Fainting or an uneven heartbeat

Liver problems: don't take it. **Pregnant, planning to be, or breastfeeding?** Talk with your provider; it's not known if it's safe for your baby.

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

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