

# Tapentadol

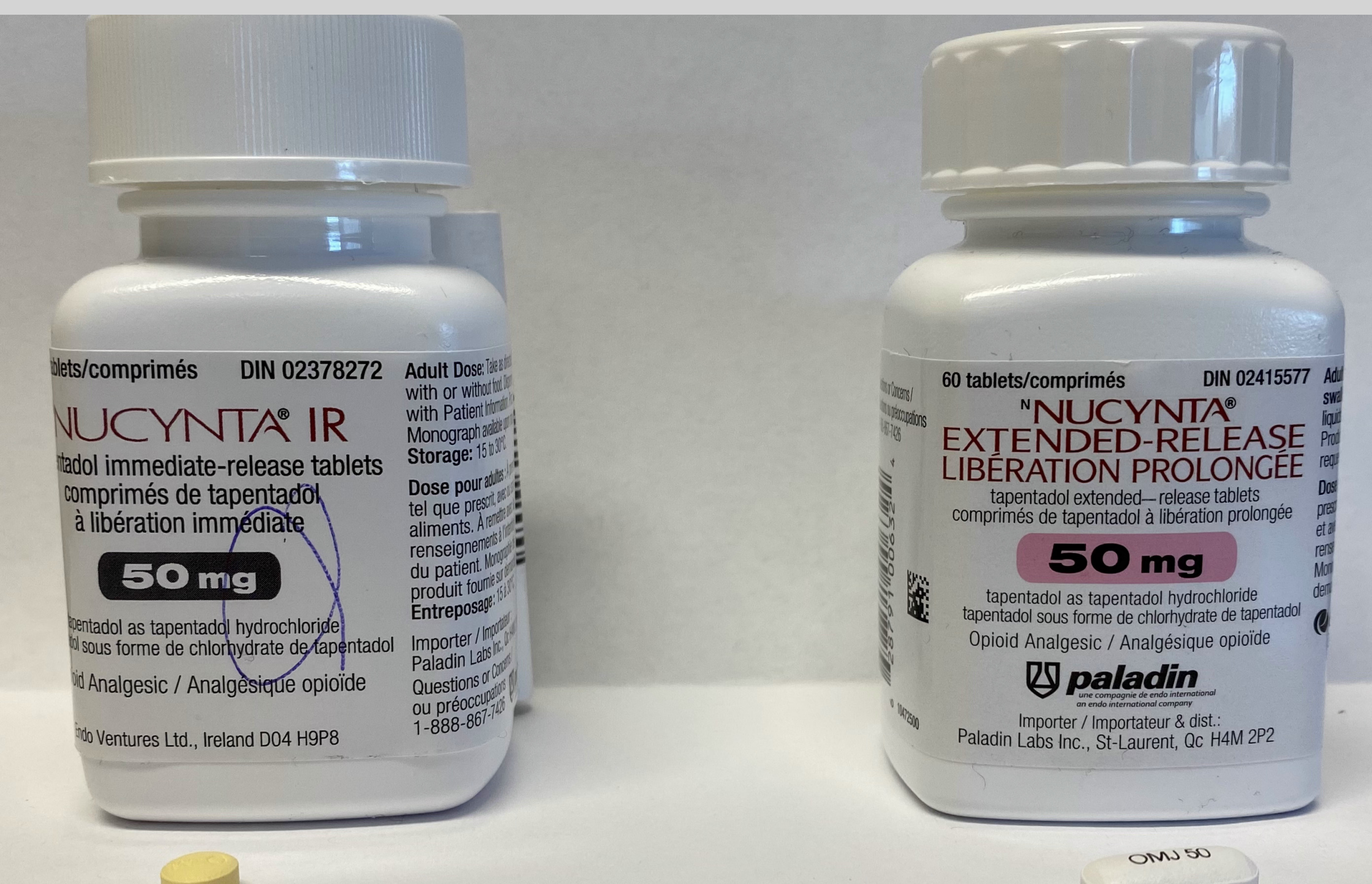
*Nucynta*

## What is this drug used for?



### To relieve your pain

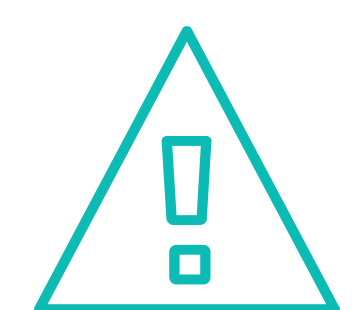
It may be prescribed to you for other reasons. Talk with your doctor.



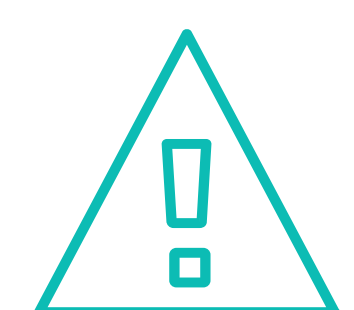
## Warning!

- This drug is a strong pain drug that can put you at risk for addiction, abuse, and misuse. Misuse or abuse of this drug can lead to overdose and death. Talk with your doctor.
- This drug may be deadly. contact your doctor if you're feeling very sleepy or having difficulty breathing.

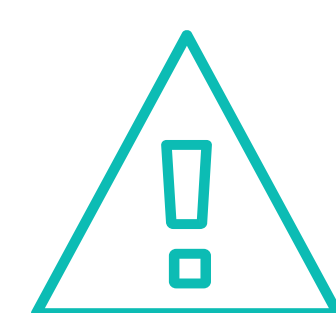
## What do I need to tell my doctor BEFORE I take this drug?



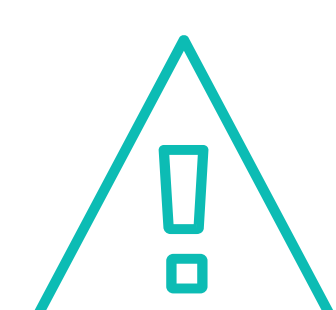
If you have an allergy to tapentadol or any other part of this drug, or if you have any allergies in general.



If you have lung or breathing problems, stomach or bowel block or narrowing, kidney disease, or liver disease.



If you are taking any of these drugs: linezolid, methylene blue, buprenorphine, butorphanol, nalbuphine, pentazocine, or tramadol.



If you have taken certain drugs for depression or Parkinson's disease in the last 14 days.

***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.***



***Do not take this drug with other strong pain drugs or if you are using a pain patch without talking to your doctor first.***



***This drug may raise the chance of seizures in some people, including people who have had seizures in the past.***



***To lower the chance of feeling dizzy or passing out, rise slowly if you have been sitting or lying down. Be careful going up and down stairs.***



***Long-term use of an opioid drug may lead to lower sex hormones, less interest in sex, fertility problems, no menstrual period (women), or a change in sex ability (men).***



***Long-term or regular use of opioid drugs like this drug may lead to dependence.***



***This drug may cause harm to the unborn baby if you take it while you are pregnant.***



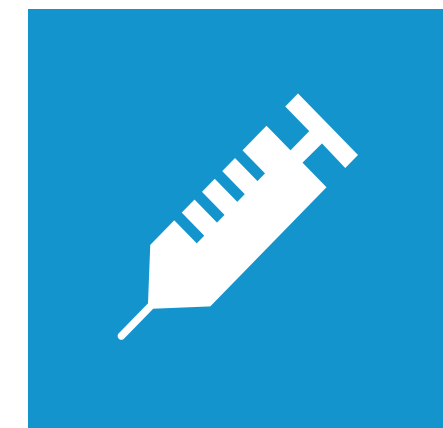
***Do not take more than what your doctor told you to take.***



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

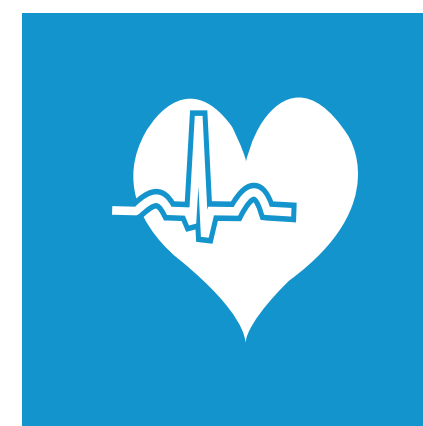


# What are some side effects that I need to call my doctor about right away?

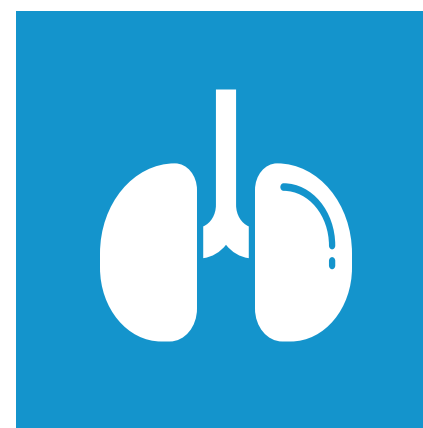


## Signs of an allergic reaction

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.

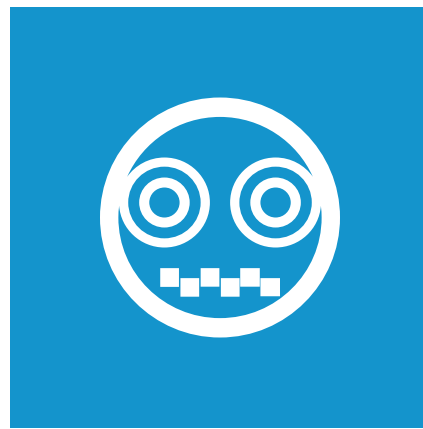


## Chest pain or pressure or a fast heartbeat.



## Breathing problems.

During sleep (sleep apnea), shortness of breath, or noisy breathing.



## Very bad dizziness or passing out.



## Mood changes or feeling confused.



## Adrenal gland problems.

Taking an opioid drug like this drug may lead to a rare but very bad adrenal gland problem. Call your doctor right away if you have very bad dizziness or passing out, very bad upset stomach or throwing up, or if you feel less hungry, very tired, or very weak.



## Feeling overheated.



## Severe constipation or stomach pain.

These may be signs of a severe bowel problem.



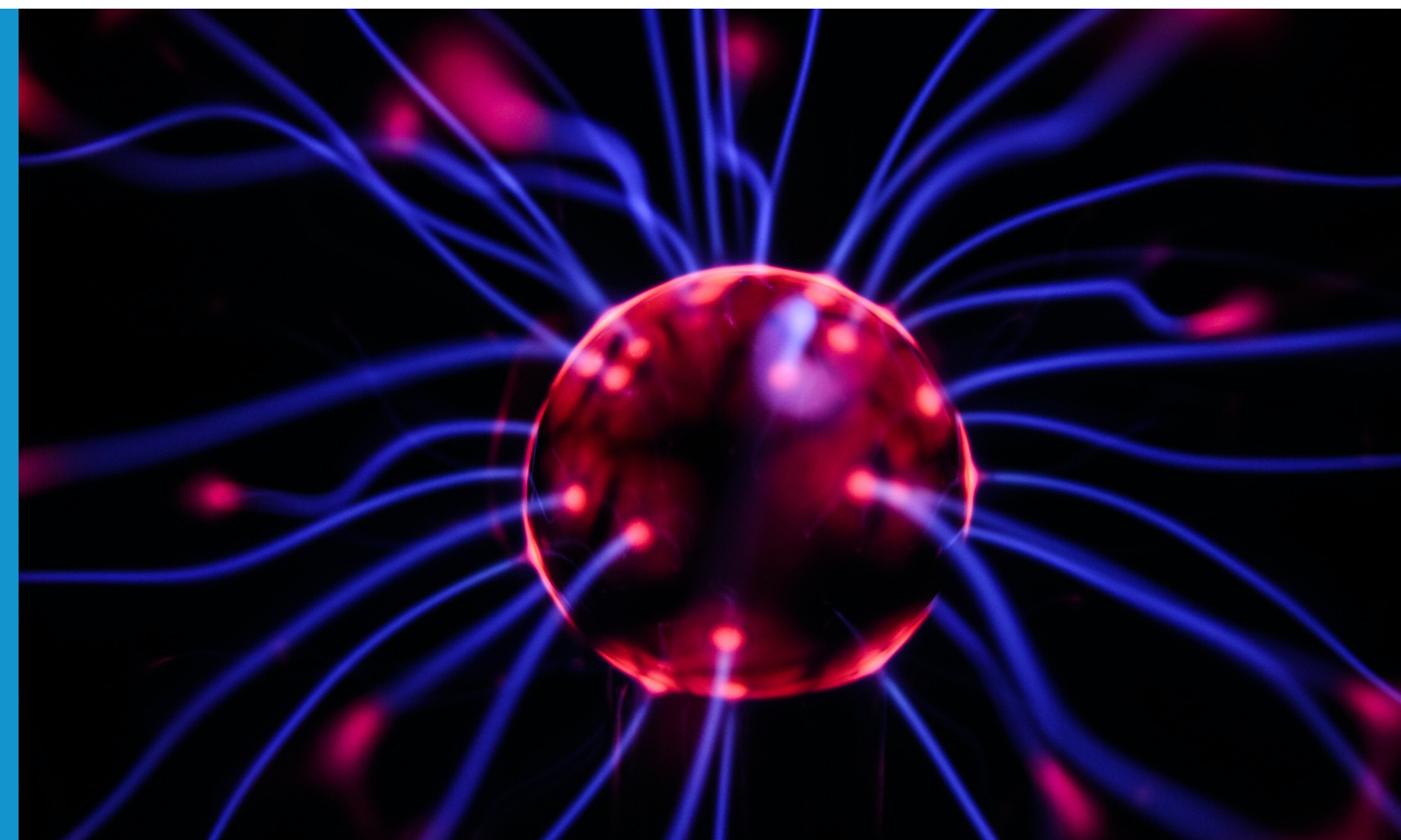
## Seizures.



## Trouble walking.

## 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?



## Feeling dizzy, sleepy, tired, or weak.



## Upset stomach or throwing up.



## Hard stools (constipation).



## Headaches.



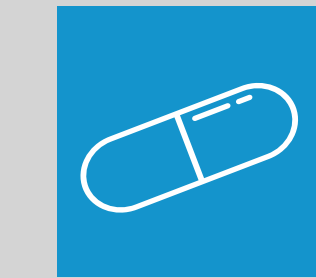
## Itching.



## Dry mouth.

**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 by mouth only.
- Do not inject or snort this drug. Doing any of these things can cause very bad side effects like trouble breathing and death from overdose.

## 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**