

**PATIENT'S NAME:**

**MEDICATION:** quetiapine fumarate (Brand name is Seroquel.)

**WHAT IT'S USED FOR:** Quetiapine fumarate is used to treat schizophrenia.

**HOW TO TAKE IT**

- Take drug with or without food.

**WARNINGS & PRECAUTIONS!**

- Notify your prescriber immediately if you develop a high fever, sweating, unstable blood pressure, stupor, muscle rigidity, or involuntary muscle movements.
- This drug may cause cataracts, so make sure to have eye exams every 6 months.
- Move slowly when sitting up or standing to avoid a temporary drop in blood pressure. Dangle your legs briefly before getting out of bed.
- Avoid driving and other hazardous activities until you know how the drug affects your vision, concentration, and alertness.
- Don't stop taking drug abruptly. Dosage must be tapered gradually.
- Tell your prescriber if you are pregnant.

**SIDE EFFECTS**

This drug may cause a serious disorder called neuroleptic malignant syndrome; symptoms include high fever, sweating, unstable blood pressure, and stupor (lethargy and mental numbness), Drug may also cause muscle rigidity, seizures, dizziness, involuntary muscle movements, sedation, ear pain, runny nose, dry mouth, palpitations, swelling, decreased blood pressure when you stand up, hoarseness, appetite loss, constipation, indigestion, weight gain, cough, difficulty breathing, sweating, and flulike symptoms. Notify your prescriber of serious or bothersome symptoms.

**INTERACTIONS**

- Quetiapine may interact with many drugs. Tell all prescribers what drugs you are taking.
- Don't drink alcohol while taking this drug.

**STORAGE**

- Store drug at controlled room temperature.

**ADDITIONAL POINTS:**

Your initials: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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