

ZypAdhera is also known as olanzapine powder and solvent for prolonged release suspension for injection.



ZYPADHERA

Like all medicines, ZypAdhera™ can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them.

Common side effects: affect 1 to 10 users in 100

- ZypAdhera can sometimes enter the bloodstream too quickly. If this happens, you may have the symptoms listed below after your injection. In some cases, these symptoms can lead to unconsciousness:
 - Excessive sleepiness, dizziness, confusion, disorientation, difficulty talking, difficulty walking, muscle stiffness or shaking, weakness, irritability, aggression, anxiety, increase in blood pressure, or convulsions
- Sleepiness
- Injection site pain

The side effects listed below have been observed when oral olanzapine has been given but may occur following administration of ZypAdhera.

Very common side effects: affect 1 user in 10

- Weight gain
- Sleepiness
- Increases in the levels of prolactin in the blood

- In the early stages of treatment, some people may feel dizzy or faint (with a slow heart rate), especially when getting up from a lying or sitting position. This will usually pass on its own but if it does not, tell your doctor

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- Changes in the levels of some blood cells and circulating fats and in early treatment, temporary increases in liver enzymes
- Increases in the levels of uric acid and creatine phosphokinase in the blood
- Increases in the level of sugars in the blood and urine
- Feeling more hungry
- Dizziness
- Restlessness
- Tremor
- Unusual movement (dyskinesias)
- Constipation
- Dry mouth
- Rash

- Loss of strength
- Extreme tiredness
- Water retention leading to swelling of the hands, ankles, or feet
- Fever
- Joint pain
- Sexual dysfunction such as decreased libido in males and females or erectile dysfunction in males

If any of the side effects become serious, or if you notice any side effects not listed in this leaflet, please tell your doctor.

Additional information on ZypAdhera can be found in the Patient Information Leaflet.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PATIENTS

ZypAdhera can sometimes enter the bloodstream too quickly and may lead to the following side effects: excessive sleepiness, dizziness, confusion, disorientation, difficulty talking, difficulty walking, muscle stiffness or shaking, weakness, irritability, aggression, anxiety, increase in blood pressure, or convulsions and can lead to unconsciousness.

For this reason:

- Each time you get your injection you will be observed by your doctor or nurse for at least 3 hours for the symptoms listed above
- Your doctor or nurse need to make sure you don't have any of these symptoms before you leave
- Although unlikely, you may get symptoms more than 3 hours after the injection. If this happens, contact your doctor or nurse immediately
- Because of this risk, do not drive or operate machinery for the remainder of the day after each injection

While still at the doctor's office or clinic, be sure to tell your doctor or nurse if you

- Feel very sleepy
- Feel dizzy
- Feel confused or disoriented
- Feel irritable or aggressive
- Feel anxious
- Have difficulty talking or walking
- Feel weak
- Have muscle stiffness or shaking

Your doctor or nurse must check on you to make sure you are alert and free of symptoms before you leave the clinic and they should explain to you what to do in case this happens once you have left.

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Reporting adverse events: ADR Reporting, website: www.medicinesauthority.gov.mt/adrportal or email: pv@charlesdegiorgio.com

MANAGING YOUR INJECTION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Emergency Contact information: _____



ZypAdhera prescribing physician

(name, practice/hospital name, phone number):

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

ZypAdhera is indicated for maintenance treatment of adult patients with schizophrenia sufficiently stabilised during acute treatment with oral olanzapine.

WHENEVER YOU SEE A DOCTOR OR SPECIALIST (INCLUDING IN AN ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT), REVIEW AND UPDATE THIS MEDICATION LIST WITH THEM.

Prescribed Medications

Date: _____

Name of medicine	Dose <i>mg, units, puffs, drops</i>	When do you take it? <i>How many times per day? Morning and night? After meals?</i>	Dates <i>Start / Stop</i>	Purpose <i>Why do you take it?</i>

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Dose (mg)	How often do you get your injection?	Date of last injection	Time of last injection