

## Prescription Information

This treatment plan contains important information regarding the medication that was prescribed to you by your doctor. The following includes: ingredient information, side effects, dosing instructions, proper storage, and other information important for you to know before starting treatment.

### What is the medication used for?

Sertraline falls in the category of an SSRI and medication indicated for anxiety and/or depression. In men taking this medication it was found to delay ejaculation. In men without a diagnosis of anxiety or depression it showed no change in mood.

## Active Prescription Ingredient

# Sertraline

### Common Brand Names:

## Zoloft

### What is the best way to use this medication?

Take one tablet by mouth once daily or as directed by your doctor. Sertraline may be taken with or without food. Take the medication at the same time each day. Sertraline may cause a false positive on a drug test. If a test is required, let the laboratory know that you are taking this medication. Do not stop using Sertraline suddenly, or you could have unpleasant withdrawal symptoms.

## What should I tell my doctor before starting this medication?

Tell your doctor if you also take stimulant medicine, opioid medicine, herbal products, anticoagulants, other antidepressants or medicine for mental illness, Parkinson's disease, migraine headaches, serious infections, or prevention of nausea and vomiting. Tell your doctor if you have the following conditions: heart disease, high blood pressure or a stroke, liver or kidney disease, a seizure, bleeding problems, bipolar disorder or have low levels of sodium in your blood.

This drug may increase suicidal thoughts or behavior in some children, teenagers or young adults. The risk of this is greatest within the first few months of treatment or when the dosage has changed. Call your healthcare provider right away if you have sudden changes in your mood, behavior, actions, thoughts or feelings, especially if they are severe, Pay extra close attention when you start taking this drug or when dosage is changed.

## What are the possible side effects of this medication?

Common Sertraline side effects may include: drowsiness or tiredness, insomnia or agitation, indigestion, nausea, diarrhea, loss of appetite, sweating, tremors or shaking, sleep problems (insomnia), decreased sex drive, impotence, or difficulty having an orgasm. Call your doctor at once if you have: a seizure (convulsions), blurred vision, tunnel vision, eye pain or swelling, headache, confusion, memory problems, severe weakness, feeling unsteady (symptoms of low levels of sodium in the body), racing thoughts, increased energy, unusual risk-taking behavior, extreme happiness, being irritable or talkative. Seek medical attention right away if you have symptoms of serotonin syndrome, such as: agitation, hallucinations, fever, sweating, shivering, fast heart rate, muscle stiffness, twitching, loss of coordination, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea.

## Allergies

Do not take this medication if you are allergic to Sertraline or other SSRIs. Get emergency medical help if you have signs of an allergic reaction: hives, difficulty breathing, swelling of your face, lips, tongue, or throat.

## How should I store this medication?

Store this medication in the original container in a cool, dry environment, at a controlled room temperature (68F-77F).

## FAQ's

Please visit the Family Pharmacy website FAQ section or search the <https://www.familypharmacy.org/our-blog-2> for more informative articles and literature.

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