

COMMON BRAND NAMES

Seroquel, Delucon, Kaptan, Quetia and Syquet



What is quetiapine?

Quetiapine belongs to a class of medications known as antipsychotics. It is used to treat conditions such as bipolar disorder, mania, schizophrenia, hard to treat depression and generalised anxiety disorder.

Taking these medicines safely

If you have been prescribed one of these medicines:

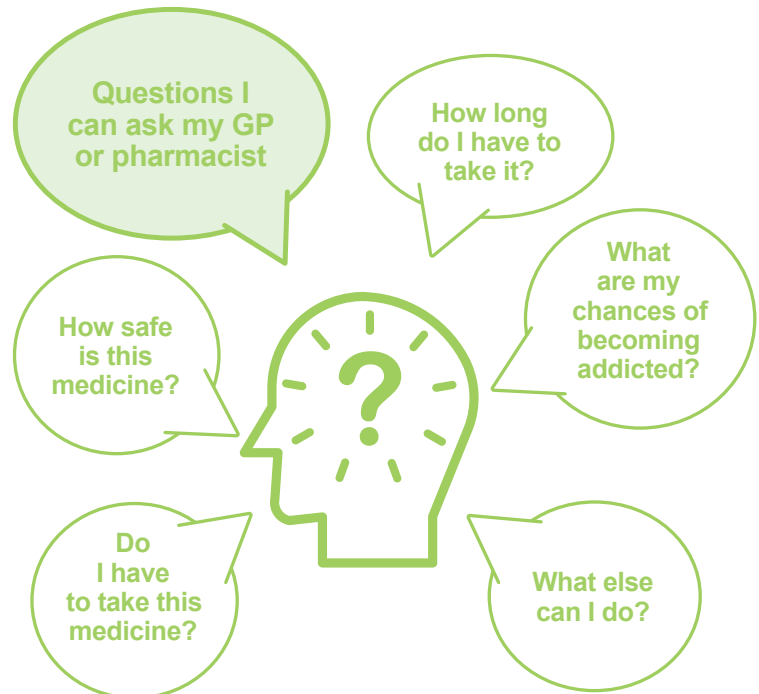
- Only take the dose prescribed for you
- Don't share your medicine with anyone
- Check with your GP or pharmacist before using other medicines
- Let your pharmacist or GP know if you experience side effects such as constipation, dizziness, drowsiness, chills, cold sweats or confusion
- Talk to your GP, pharmacist or other health professional if you find the quetiapine medicine no longer helps to control your symptoms.

How would I know if I am having problems with this medicine?

Possible signs of dependence:

- Taking the medicine in larger amounts or for longer than you're meant to
- Not being able to cut down or stop using the medicine
- Having cravings and urges to use the medicine
- Not managing to do what you should at work, home, or school because of your use of the medicine

- Its use causes problems in relationships
- Repeatedly using the medicine, even when it puts you in danger
- Needing more of the medicine to get the effect you want (eg. developing a tolerance)
- Having withdrawal symptoms that can be relieved by taking more of the medicine



Where can I find more information or help?

Talk to your GP, pharmacist or other health care professional if you are concerned about the medicines you take. Other services that can assist:

Pharmaceutical Helpline
Tel: 1800 737 233

SafeScript
www.health.vic.gov.au/safescript

Directline
Tel: 1800 888 236

