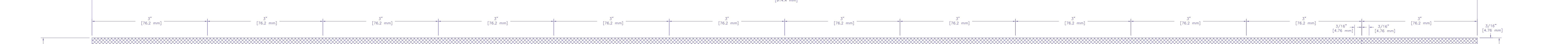


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Generic name: aripiprazole

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Antidepressant Medicines, Depression and other Serious Mental Illnesses, and Suicidal Thoughts or Actions

Read the Medication Guide that comes with your or your family member's antidepressant medicine. This Medication Guide is only about the risk of suicidal thoughts and actions with antidepressant medicines. Talk to your, or your family member's, healthcare provider about:

- All risks and benefits of treatment with antidepressant medicines
- All treatment choices for depression or other serious mental illnesses

What is the most important information I should know about antidepressant medicines, depression and other serious mental illnesses, and suicidal thoughts or actions?

- Depression and other serious mental illnesses are the most important causes of suicidal thoughts or actions. Some people may have a particularly high risk of having suicidal thoughts or actions. These include people who have a family history of bipolar illness (also called manic-depressive illness) or suicidal thoughts or actions.
- How can I watch for and try to prevent suicidal thoughts and actions in myself or a family member?
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 - Attempts to commit suicide
 - New or worse depression
 - Feeling very agitated or restless
 - Panic attacks
 - Feeling very agitated or restless
 - New or worse irritability
 - Inability to sleep (insomnia)
 - Acting on dangerous impulses
 - An extreme increase in activity and talking (mania)
 - Other unusual changes in behavior or mood
- What else do I need to know about antidepressant medicines?
 - Never stop an antidepressant medicine without first talking to a healthcare provider. Stopping an antidepressant medicine suddenly can cause other problems.
 - Antidepressant medicines are medicines used to treat depression and other illnesses. It is important to be aware of the risks of treating depression and also the risks of not treating it.
 - Antidepressant medicines can have other side effects. Talk to the healthcare provider about the side effects of the medicine prescribed for you or your family member.
 - Antidepressant medicines can interact with other medicines. Know all of the medicines that you or your family member takes. Keep a list of all medicines to show the healthcare provider.
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