

TRIFLUOPERAZINE

Other names: Stelazine®



Important note: The following information is intended to add to, not replace, the knowledge and judgment of your doctor, pharmacist or other health care professional.

Why you are taking this medicine?

Trifluoperazine belongs to a group of medicines called antipsychotics. This medicine can be used for its calming effect and to reduce unpleasant thoughts and voices in the head (schizophrenia).

Trifluoperazine can also be used for the following conditions:

- anxiety
- nausea and vomiting
- tension and agitation

When to take this medicine

Trifluoperazine can be taken with food. It should be taken regularly as your doctor directs. **DO NOT STOP** taking it without your doctor's permission as the dose may need to be reduced gradually.

If you miss a dose

Take it as soon as possible except when it is close to the time for your next dose. If it is almost time for next dose, skip the missed dose and return to your regular dosing schedule. You should not take two doses at the same time.

Side Effects

Unfortunately as well as having good effects, most medicines have some effects on your body that are unwanted. These are called *side effects*.

Call your doctor **immediately** if you have any of these side effects:

- severe stiffness
- irregular heart beat
- skin rash, severe itching or hives
- spasms of neck, face or back
- muscle twitching or jerking
- fast breathing
- sore throat or fever
- excessive sweating
- convulsions

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you have these side effects:

- dizziness or drowsiness
- agitation or restlessness
- dry mouth
- blurred vision
- loss of appetite
- decreased sexual activity
- nausea

This list of side effects is **not** complete. Tell your doctor or pharmacist if any of these side effects are of a concern to you.

Also, be aware that trifluoperazine can:

- Make your skin sensitive to the sun. Use a sunscreen when going out into the sun.
- Cause drowsiness. Take care when driving or operating machinery. It is important to make sure you know how your body reacts before you drive a car, operate machinery or ride a bike.

Other Medicines

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking any other medicines, including herbal and complementary products and medicines you can buy without a prescription.

Some other medicines taken with trifluoperazine can have an additive effect (e.g. increased drowsiness or can make you sleepy) such as:

- alcohol (avoid or reduce the amount you drink)
- sleeping tablets e.g. zopiclone, triazolam, temazepam
- opioid pain relievers e.g. morphine, codeine

Storage

Keep all medicines out of reach of children.

Read this leaflet and discuss any questions you have about your medicines with your doctor or pharmacist.