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Presentation

Aripiprazole 5: Each film-coated tablet contains Aripiprazole USP 5 mg.

Aripiprazole 10: Each film-coated tablet contains Aripiprazole USP 10 mg.

Indications

- Schizophrenia
- Acute manic & mixed episodes associated with bipolar disorder.

Dosage & Administration

Schizophrenia: Usual recommended starting and target dose for aripiprazole is 10 to 15 mg/day administered on a once-a-day schedule without regard to meals. Aripiprazole has been shown to be effective in a dose range of 10 to 30 mg/day. Maximum dosage increase should not be made before 2 weeks.

Acute manic & mixed episodes associated with bipolar disorder: Usual recommended starting dose is 30 mg given once a day. Dose may be decreased to 15 mg based on assessment of tolerability.

Dosage adjustments are not routinely indicated on the basis of age, gender, race or renal or hepatic impairment status.

Cautions

Aripiprazole should be used cautiously in patients at risk of orthostatic hypotension, seizure, patients for cognitive and motor impairment, dysphagia, suicide, in patients with concomitant illness, elderly, pregnancy.

Side effects

Headache, asthenia, fever, nausea, vomiting, constipation, anxiety, insomnia, lightheadedness, somnolence, akathisia, tremor, rhinitis, coughing, rash, postural hypotension, dyspepsia and blurred vision. Neuroleptic malignant syndrome, tardive dyskinesia, hyperglycemia and diabetes mellitus have been rarely seen during aripiprazole therapy.

Contraindications

Aripiprazole is contraindicated in patients with a known hypersensitivity to the product; child, adolescent & breast feeding mothers.

Drug interactions

Ketoconazole and quinidine increase the AUC of aripiprazole; so, dose should be reduced by half when co-administered with these drugs. Carbamazepine decreases the AUC of aripiprazole; so dose should be doubled while carbamazepine is co-administered.

Use in Pregnancy and Lactation

Aripiprazole should be used in pregnancy only if the potential benefits outweigh the potential risk to the fetus and it is recommended that women receiving aripiprazole should not breast-feed.

Storage Conditions

Store in a cool (below 30°C) & dry place, away from light. Keep out of the reach of children.

Commercial pack

Aripiprazole 5: Each box contains 5 blister packs of 10 tablets.

Aripiprazole 10: Each box contains 3 blister packs of 10 tablets.

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