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Nearly 80% of patients with schizophrenia experience at least 1 relapse within 5 years of diagnosis.¹

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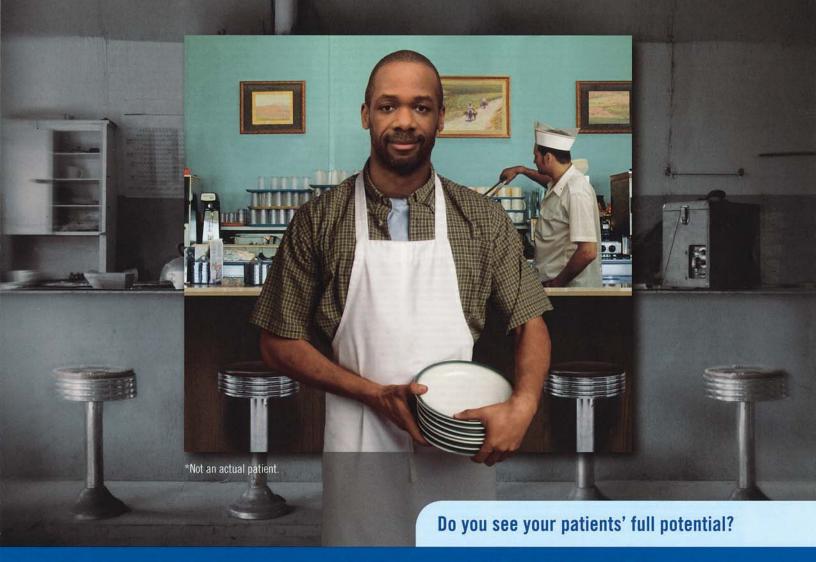


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Diner Worker Diagnosis: Schizophrenia



GEODON is indicated for the treatment of schizophrenia.

Elderly patients with dementia-related psychosis treated with antipsychotic drugs are at an increased risk of death compared to placebo. GEODON is not approved for the treatment of patients with dementia-related psychosis.

GEODON is contraindicated in patients with a known history of QT prolongation, recent acute myocardial infarction, or uncompensated heart failure, and should not be used with certain other QT-prolonging drugs. GEODON has a greater capacity to prolong the QT_c interval than several antipsychotics. In some drugs, QT prolongation has been associated with torsade de pointes, a potentially fatal arrhythmia. In many cases this would lead to the conclusion that other drugs should be tried first. Hypokalemia may increase the risk of QT prolongation and arrhythmia.

As with all antipsychotic medications, a rare and potentially fatal condition known as neuroleptic malignant syndrome (NMS) has been reported with GEODON. NMS can cause hyperpyrexia, muscle rigidity, diaphoresis, tachycardia, irregular pulse or blood pressure, cardiac dysrhythmia, and altered mental status. If signs and symptoms appear, immediate discontinuation, treatment, and monitoring are recommended.

Prescribing should be consistent with the need to minimize tardive dyskinesia (TD), a potentially irreversible dose- and duration-dependent syndrome. If signs and symptoms appear, discontinuation should be considered since TD may remit partially or completely.

Hyperglycemia-related adverse events, sometimes serious, have been reported in patients treated with atypical antipsychotics. There have been few reports of hyperglycemia or diabetes in patients treated with GEODON, and it is not known if GEODON is associated with these events. Patients treated with an atypical antipsychotic should be monitored for symptoms of hyperglycemia.

Precautions include the risk of rash, orthostatic hypotension, and seizures.

In short-term schizophrenia trials, the most commonly observed adverse events associated with GEODON at an incidence of ≥5% and at least twice the rate of placebo were somnolence and respiratory tract infection.

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Increased Mortality in Elderly Patients with Dementia-Related Psychosis—Elderly patients with dementia-related psychosis treated with antipsychotic drugs are at an increased risk of death. Analyses of seventeen placebo-controlled trials (modal duration of 10 weeks), largely in patients taking atypical antipsychotic drugs, revealed a risk of death in drug-treated patients of between 1.6 to 1.7 times the risk of death in placebo-treated patients. Over the course of a typical 10-week controlled trial, the rate of death in drug-treated patients was about 4.5%, compared to a rate of about 2.5% in the placebo group. Although the causes of death were varied, most of the deaths appeared to be either cardiovascular (e.g., heart failure, sudden death) or infectious (e.g., pneumonia) in nature. Observational studies suggest that, similar to atypical antipsychotic drugs, treatment with conventional antipsychotic drugs may increase mortality. The extent to which the findings of increased mortality in observational studies may be attributed to the antipsychotic drug as opposed to some characteristic(s) of the patients is not clear. Geodon (ziprasidone) is not approved for the treatment of natients with Dementia. Related Psychosic (see WaRMINGS) treatment of patients with Dementia-Related Psychosis (see WARNINGS).

INDICATIONS—GEODON Capsules is indicated for the treatment of schizophrenia and acute manic or mixed episodes associated with bipolar disorder with or without psychotic features. GEODON* (ziprasidone mesylate) for Injection is indicated for acute agitation in

bipolar disorder with or without psycholic features. GEODON* (ziprasidone mesylate) for Injection is indicated for acute agitation in schizophrenic patients.

CONTRAINDICATIONS—*QT Prolongation*: Because of GEODON's dose-related prolongation of the QT interval and the known association of fatal arrhythmias with QT prolongation by some other drugs, REDON is contraindicated in patients with a known history of QT prolongation (including congenital long QT syndrome), with recent acute myocardial infarction, or with uncompensated heart failure (see WARNINGS). Pharmacokinetic/pharmacodynamic studies between GEODON and other drugs that prolong the QT interval have not been performed. An additive effect of GEODON and other drugs that prolong the QT interval cannot be excluded. Therefore GOON should not be given with dofeilide, sotalol, quinidine, other Class Is and Ill anti-arrhythmics, mesoridazine, thioridazine, chlorpromazine, droperidol, primozide, sparfloxacin, gatifloxacin, moxifloxacin, halofantrine, metfoquine, pentamidine, arsenic trioxide, levomethady lacetate, dolasetron mesylate, probucol, or tarcolimus. GEODON is also contraindicated with drugs that have demonstrated QT prolongation as one of their pharmacodynamic effects and have this effect described in the full prescribing information as a contraindication or a boxed or bioded warning see WARNINGS. J GEODON is contraindicated in individuals with a known hypersensitivity to the product. WARNINGS—*Increased Martality in Elderly Patients with Dementia-Related Psychosis*. Elderly patients with dementia-related psychosis (see BOXED WARNING). *QT Prolongation and Risk of Sudden Death*: GEODON use should be avoided in combination with other drugs that are known to prolong the QT, interval. Additionally, Licinicians should be alter to the identification of other drugs that have been consistently observed to prolong the QT, interval. Such drugs should not be prescribed with GEODON. A study directly comparing the QT/QT, prolonging effect of GEODON more effective potentially clinically relevant threshold of 500 msec. In the GEODON patients, neither case suggested a role of GEODON. Some drugs that prolong the UT/OT, interval have been associated with the occurrence of torsade de pointes and with sudden unexplained death. The relationship of QT prolongation to torsade de pointes is clearest for larger increases (20 msec and greater) but it is possible that The relationship of OT prolongation to torsade de pointes is clearest for larger increases (20 msec and greater) but it is possible that smaller OT/OT, prolongations may also increase risk, or increase it in susceptible individuals, such as those with hypokalemia, hypomagnesemia, or genetic predisposition. Although torsade de pointes has not been observed in association with the use of GEODON at recommended doses in premarketing studies, experience is too limited to rule out an increased risk. A study evaluating the OT/OT, prolonging effect of intramuscular GEODON, with intramuscular haloperido as a contril, was conducted in patient volunteers. In the trial, ECOs were obtained at the time of maximum plasma concentration following two injections of GEODON (20 mg then 30 mg) or haloperidol (7.5 mg then 10 mg) given four hours apart. Note that a 30 mg dose of intramuscular GEODON is 50% higher than the recommended therapeutic lose. The mean change in OT, from baseline was calculated for each drug using a sample. Based correction that removes the effect of heart rate on the QT interval. The mean increase in QT, from baseline for GEODON was 4.6 msec following the first injection and 14.7 msec following the second injection. The mean increase in QT, from baseline for GEODON was 4.6 msec following the first injection and 14.7 msec following the second injection. The inst study, no patient had a QT, interval exceeding 500 msec. As with other antipsychotic drugs and placebo, sudden unexplained deaths have been reported in galents taking GEODON at recommended doses. 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It is recommended that patients being considered for ECDOON treatment who are at risk for significant electrobyte disturbances, hypokalemia in particular, have baseline serum potassium and magnesium measurements. Hypokalemia (and/or hypomagnesemia) may increase the risk of OT prolongation and arrhythmia. Hypokalemia may result from diuretic therapy, diarrhea, and other causes. Patients with low serum potassium and/or magnesium should be repleted with those electrolytes before proceeding with treatment. It is essential to periodically monitor serum electrolytes in patients for whom diuretic therapy is introduced during GEODON treatment. Persistently prolonged OT; intervals may also increase the risk of further prolongation and arrhythmia, but it is not clear that routine screening ECG measures are effective in detection gavch patients. Rather, GEODON should be avoided in patients with histories of significant cardiovascuri illness, e. O. If prolonacion, recent acute myocardial infartion, uncommensated heart failure, or cardiac arrhythmia (GEODON should be emetrive in detecting such patients. Hainer, 6-LDUM should be avoided in patients with instones of significant activorsecuriar inless, eg. OT prolongation, recent acute myocardial infarction, uncompensated heart failure, or cardiac arrhythmia. GEDDON should be discontinued in patients who are found to have persistent QT_x measurements >500 msec. Neuroleptic Malignant Syndrome (NMS): A potentially fatal symptom complex sometimes referred to as Neuroleptic Malignant Syndrome (NMS) has been reported in association with administration of antipsychotic drugs and other drugs not essential to concurrent therapy, (2) intensive symptomatic treatment and medical monitoring; and (3) treatment of any concomitant serious medical problems for which specific treatments are available. 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Tardive Dyskinesia (TD): A syndrome of potentially irreversible, involuntary, dyskinetic movements may develop in patients undergoing treatment with antipsychotic drugs. Although the prevalence of TD appears to be highest among the elderly, especially elderly women, its impossible to rely upon prevalence estimates to predict, at the inception of antipsychotic treatment, which patients are likely to develop TD. It signs and symptoms of TD appear in a patient on 65000M, drug discontinuation should be considered. Hyperglycemia and Diabetes Mellius: Hyperglycemia-related adverse events, sometimes serious, have been reported in patients treated with applical antipsychotics. There have been few reports of hyperglycemia or diabetes in patients treated with 6500M, and it is not known if GEODON is associated with these events. Patients treated with an atypical antipsychotic should be monitored for symptoms of hyperglycemia. PRECAUTIONS— General: Rast; in premarketing trials, about 5% of GEODON patients developed rash and/or urticaria, with discontinuation of treatment in about one-sixth of these cases. The occurrence of rash was dose related, although the finding might also be evaluated by longer exposure in higher-dose patients. Several patients with arthy as dose and several patients developed rash and/or urticaria, with discontinuation of treatment in about one-sixth of these cases. The occurrence of rash was dose related, although the finding might also percalated by longer exposure in higher-dose patients. Several patients with rash also and sources of the patients developed rash and/or urticaria, with discontinuation of treatment in about one-sixth of these c finding might also be explained by longer exposure in higher-dose patients. Several patients with rash had signs and symptoms of associated systemic illness, e.g., elevated WBCs. Most patients improved promptly upon treatment with antihistamines or steroids and/or undiccontinuation of ECDOUN, and all patients were reported to recover completely. Upon appearance of rash for which an alternative etiology cannot be identified, GEODON should be discontinued. Onthostatic Hypotension, GEODON may induce orthostatic hypotension associated cannot be identified, eccount should be discontinued. <u>Virrosatic Proposition (eccount may induce ornostanci propersions associated</u> with disziness, tachycardia, and, in some patients, syroope, especially during the initial dose-direction period, probably reflecting its o₁-adrenergic antagonist properties. Syncope was reported in 0.6% of GEODON patients. GEODON should be used with particular caution in patients with known cardiovascular disease (history of myocardial infarction or ischemic heart disease, heart failure or conduction abnormalities), cerebrovascular disease or conditions that would predispose patients to hypotension (dehydration, hypovolemia, and treatment with antihypertensive medications). <u>Setzures</u>: In clinical trials, seizures occurred in 0.4% of GEODON patients. There were confounding factors that may have contributed to seizures in many of these cases. As with other antipsychotic drops, GEODON should be used cautious by in patients with a history of seizures or with conditions that potentially lower the seizure threshold, e.g., Alzheimer's dementia. Conditions that lower the seizure threshold may be more prevalent in a population of 65 years or older. Dysghagia: Esophageal dysmotility and aspiration have been associated with antipsychotic drug use. Aspiration preumonais a common cause of morbidity and mortality in elderly patients, in particular those with advanced Alzheimer's dementia, and GEODON and other antipsychotic drugs should be used cautiously in patients at risk for aspiration pneumonia. (See also Boxed WARNING, WARNINGS: Increased Mortality in Elderty Patients with Dementia-Related Psychosis). Hyperprolactinemia, As with other drugs that antagonize dopamine D, receptors, GEODON elevates prolactin levels in humans. Tissue culture experiments indicate that approximately one third of human breast cancers are prolactin dependent prolacin levels in humans. 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Since GEOON has the potential to impair judgment, thinking, or motor skille patients should be cautioned about performing activities requiring mental alertness, such as operating a motor vehicle (including automobiles) or operating hazardous machinery until they are reasonably certain that GEOON the reapy does not affect them adversely. <u>Pringism.</u> One case of pringism was reported in the premarketing database. <u>Body Temperature Regulation</u>. Although not reported with GEOON the marranketing trials, disruption of the body's ability to reduce core body temperature has been attributed to antipsychotic agents. <u>Suicide</u>. The possibility of a suicide attempt is inherent in princip there are described and close supervision of this risks to attents should accommany drug there are some and close supervision of their sky solatients should accommany drug the area. 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ation and instructions in the Patient Information Section should be discussed with patients. Laboratory Tests: Patients being considered for GEODON treatment who are at risk of significant electrolyte disturbances should have baseline serum potassium and magnesium measurements. Low serum potassium and magnesium should be repleted before treatment. Patients who are started on diuretics during GEODON therapy need periodic monitoring of serum potassium and magnesium. Discontinue GEODON in patients who are found to have persistent of, measurements >500 mesc (see WARNINGS). Drug Interactions:(1) GEODON should not be used with any drug that prolongs the OT internal. (2) Given the primary ONS effects of GEODON, action should be used when it is taken in combination with other centrally acting drugs. (3) Because of its potential for inducing hypotension, GEODON may enhance the effects of certain antihypertensive agents. (4) GEODON may antagonize the effects of levodopa and dopamine agonists. Effect of Other Drugs on GEODON, Carbanazepine, 200 mg bid for 21 days, resulted in a decrease of approximately 35% in the AUC of GEODON. Reloconazole, a potent inhibitor of CYP3A4, 400 mg of for 5 days, increased the AUC and C_{map} of GEODON by about 35% -40%. Cimetidine, 800 mg of for 2 days, did not affect GEOON pharmacokinetics. Coadministration of 30 mL. of Mastavidi on date effect GEOON pharmacokinetics. Propulation pharmacokinetics of propulation pharmacokinetics propulation pharmacokinetics of pharmacokinetics of propulation pharmacokinetics of propulation pharmacokinetics of propulation pharmacokinetics of propulation pharmacokinetics of pharmacokinetics of constitution of propulation pharmacokinetics of constitution of pharmacokinetics of constitution of pharmacokinetics of constitution of pharmacokinetics GEODON therapy need periodic monitoring of serum potassium and magnesium. Discontinue GEODON in patients who are found to have there was no increase in incidence of tumors relative to controls. In female mice there were dose-related increases in the incidences of pituitary gland adenoma and carcinoma, and mammary gland adenocarcinoma at all doses tested. Increases in serum prolactin rare observed in a 1-month dietary study in female, but not male, mice. GEODON had no effect on serum prolactin in rais in a 5-week dietary study at the doses that were used in the carcinogenicity study. The relevance for human risk of the findings of prolactin-mediated endocrine tumors in rodents is unknown. Gest hypergolactinemia). Mutagenesis: There was a reproducible mutagenic response in the Ames assay in one strain of S. hyphimuriumin the absence of metabolic activation. Positive results were obtained in both the in vitro mammalian cell gene mutation assay and the in vitro chromosomal abervarion assay in human hymphocyles. Impairment, GEODON in increased time to copulation in Spraque-Dawley rats in two fertility and early embryonic development studies and coses of 10 to 160 mg/kg/day (0.5 to 8 times the MRHIPO of 200 mg/day on a mg/m² basis). Fertility rate was reduced at 160 mg/kg/day (8 times the MRHIP on an amg/m² basis). The return some female rats was reduced. Pregnancy-Pregnancy Category C: There are no adequate and vell-controlled studies in pregnant women. GEODON should be used during pregnancy only if the potential benefit justifies the potential risk to the fetus. Labor and Delivery: The effect of GEODON to nabor and delivery in humans is unknown. Nursing Mothers: It is not known whether, and if so in what amount, GEODON or is metabolites are excreted in human milk. It is recommended that women receiving GEODON should not breast feed. Pediatric Use: The safety and effectiveness of GEODON in clinical studies. re was no increase in incidence of tumors relative to controls. In female mice there were dose-related increases in the incidences of pediatric patients have not been established. **Geriatric Use:** Of the approximately 4500 patients treated with GEODON in clinical studies, 2.4% (109) were 65 years of age or over. In general, there was no indication of any different tolerability for GEODON or of reduced clearance of GEODON in the elderly compared to younger adults. Nevertheless, the presence of multiple factors that might increase the pharmacodynamic response to GEODON, or cause poorer tolerance or orthostasis, should lead to consideration of a lower starting dose, slower thration, and careful monitoring during the initial dosing period for some elderly patients. ADVERSE REACTIONS—Adverse Findings Observed in Short-term, Placebo-Controlled Trials: The following findings are based on the short-term placebo-controlled premarketing trials for schizophrenia (a pool of two 6-week, and two 4-week fixed-dose trials) and bipolar mania (a pool of two 3-week fixed-bid-dose trials) and bipolar mania (a pool of two 3-week fixed-bid-dose trials) and bipolar mania (a pool of two 3-week fixed-bid-dose trials) and bipolar mania (a pool of two 3-week fixed-bid-dose trials) and bipolar mania (a pool of two 3-week fixed-bid-dose trials) and bipolar mania (a pool of two 3-week fixed-bid-dose trials) and bipolar mania (a pool of two 3-week fixed-bid-dose trials) and bipolar mania (a pool of two 5-week, and two 4-week fixed-dose trials) and bipolar mania (a pool of two 5-week, and two 4-week fixed-dose trials) and bipolar mania (a pool of two 5-week, and two 4-week fixed-dose trials) and bipolar mania (a pool of two 5-week, and two 4-week fixed-dose trials) and bipolar mania (a pool of two 6-week). in which GEODON was administered in doese ranging from 10 to 200 mg/day. Adverse Events Associated with Discontinuation: Schizophrenia: Approximately 4,1% (29702) of GEODON-treated patients in short-term, placebo-controlled studies discontinued treatment due to an adverse event, compared with about 2,2% (6/273) on placebo. The most common event associated with dropout was rash, including 7 dropouts for rash among GEDDON patients (1%) compared to no placebo patients (see PRECAUTIONS). Bipolar Mania: Approximately 6.5% (18/279) of GEDDON-treated patients in short-term, placebo-controlled studies discontinued treatment due to an adverse event, compared with about 3.7% (5/136) on placebo. The most common events associated with dropout in the GEDDON-treated adverse event, compared with about 3.7% (x139) on placebo. 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The following list enumerates the treatment-emergent adverse events that occurred during acute therapy, including only those events that occurred in 2% of GEODON patients and at a greater incidence than in placebo. Schizophrenia: Body as a Whole—asthenia, accidental injury, chest pain. Cardiovascular—tachycardia. Digestive—nausea, constipation, dyspepsia, diarrhea, dry mouth, anorexis Nervous—extrapyramidal symptoms, somnolence, adathisia, diziness. Beginziatory—respiratory tract infection, rhinitis, cough increased. Skin and Appendages—rash, fungal dermathis. Special Senses—abnormal vision. Bipolar Manis: Body as a Whole—headache, asthenia, accidental injury, Cardiovascular—hypertension. Digestive—nausea, diarrhea, dry mouth, romiting, increased salivation, tongue edema, dysphagia. Musculoskeletal—myalgia. Nervous—somnolence, extrapyramidal symptoms, diziness, akathisia, anxiety, hypesthesia, speech disorder. Respiratory—phypertension. Digestive—nausea, diarrhea, dry mouth, comiting, increased salivation tongue edema, dysphagia. Musculoskeletal—myalgia. Nervous—skin and Appendages—fungal dermathis. Special Senses—abnormal vision. Dose Dependency: An analysis for dose response in the schizophrenia trials revealed an apparent relation of adverse event to dose for the following: asthenia, postural hypotenia, norrexia, dry mouth, increased salivation, artiralgia, anxiety, dizziness, dystonia, hypertonia, somnolence, tremor, rhinitis, rash, and abnormal vision. Extrapyramidal Symptoms (EPS): The incidence of reported EPS for GEODON patients in the short-term, placebo-controlled schizophrenia trials was 14% vs 8% for placebo. Objectively collected data from those trials on the Simpson-Angus Rating Scale and the Barnes Akathisia. Scale did not generally show a difference between 6E0DON and placebo. Dystonia: Prolonged abnormal contractions of muscle groups may occur in susceptible individuals during first few days of treatment. Dystonia m Schizophrenia: <u>Body as a Whole</u>—Frequent: abdominal pain, flu syndrome, fever, accidental fall, face edema, chills, photosensitivity reaction, flank pain, trypothermia, motor vehicle accident. <u>Cardiovascular System</u>—Frequent tachycardia, hypertension, osbut hypotension; *Infrequent* bradycardia, angina pectoris, atrial fibrillation; *Pare*: first-degree AV block, bundle branch block, chilebitis, pulmonary embolus, cardiomegaly, cerebral infarct, cerebrovascular accident, deep thrombophlebitis, myocardifis, thrombophlebitis. <u>Digestive</u> embolus, cardiomegaly, cerebral infarct, cerebrovascular accident, deep thrombophlebitis, myocardinis, thrombophlebitis. 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Metabolic and Nutritional Disorders—Infrequent thirst, transaminase increased, peripheral edema, hyperdycemia, creatine phosphokinase increased, alkaline phosphotase increased, hyperdipenia, hypochetiseremia, dehydration, lactic dehydrogenase increased, albuminuria, hypokalemia, Rare: BUN increased, creatinine increased, hyperlipenia, hypochetiseremia, hypochetise withdrawal syndrome, buccoglossal syndrome, choreoathetosis, diplopia, incoordination, neuropathy, Infrequent; paralysis; Raze: myoclonus, nystagmus, forticollis, circumoral paresthesia, opisthotonos, reflexes increased, trismus, Bespiratory System—Frequent: dyspnea; Infrequent pneumonia, epistaxis; Raze: hemophysis, laryngismus. Skin and Appendages—Infrequent: maculopapular rash, urticaria, alopecia, eczemia, edoliative dermatitis, contact dermatitis, vesiculobulous rash. Special Senses—Frequent: fungal dermatitis; Infrequent: conjunctivitis, dry eyes, finnitus, blephartis, contact dermatitis, vesiculobulous rash. 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Nervoup.—dizziness, anxiety, insamina, somnolence, akathisia, agitation, extrapyramidal syndrome, hypertonia, cogwheel rigidity, paresthesia, personality disorder, psychoiss, speech disorder. Respiratory—thinistis. Skinand Appendages—furunculosis, sweating Urogenital—vysomerhea, priaisms.

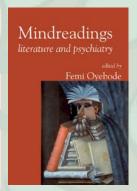
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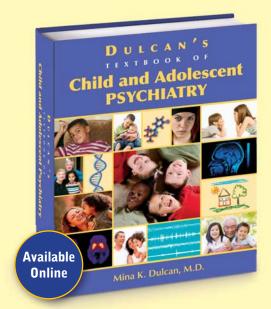
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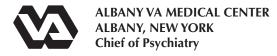
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Antidepressants increased the risk compared to placebo of suicidal thinking and behavior (suicidality) in children, adolescents, and young adults in short-term studies of Major Depressive Disorder (MDD) and other psychiatric disorders. Anyone considering the use of Pristig or any other antidepressant in a child, adolescent, or young adult must balance this risk with the clinical need. Short-term studies did not show an increase in the risk of suicidality with antidepressants compared to placebo in adults beyond age 24; there was a reduction in risk with antidepressants compared to placebo in adults aged 65 and older. Depression and certain other psychiatric disorders are themselves associated with increases in the risk of suicide. Patients of all ages who are started on antidepressant therapy should be monitored appropriately and observed closely for clinical worsening, suicidality, or unusual changes in behavior. Families and caregivers should be advised of the need for close observation and communication with the prescriber. Pristig is not approved for use in pediatric patients [see Warnings and Precautions (5.1), Use in Specific Populations (8.4), and Patient Counseling Information (17.1 in the full prescribing information)].

INDICATIONS AND USAGE: Pristiq, a selective serotonin and norepinephrine reuptake inhibitor (SNRI), is indicated for the treatment of major depressive disorder (MDD).

CONTRAINDICATIONS: Hypersensitivity-Hypersensitivity to desventafaxine succinate, ventafaxine hydrochloride or to any excipients in the Pristiq formulation. Monoamine Oxidase Inhibitors-Pristiq must not be used concomitantly in patients taking monoamine oxidase inhibitors (MAOIs) or in patients who have taken MAOIs within the preceding 14 days due to the risk of serious, sometimes fatal, drug interactions with SNRI or SSRI treatment or with other serotonergic drugs. Based on the half-life of desventafaxine, at least 7 days should be allowed after stopping Pristiq before starting an MAOI (see Dosage and Administration (2.5) in the full prescribing information).

WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS: Clinical Worsening and Suicide Risk-Patients with major depressive disorder (MDD), both adult and pediatric, may experience worsening of their depression and/or the emergence of suicidal ideation and behavior (suicidality) or unusual changes in behavior, whether or not they are taking antidepressant medications, and this risk may persist until significant remission occurs. Suicide is a known risk of depression and certain other psychiatric disorders, and these disorders themselves are the strongest predictors of suicide. There has been a long-standing concern, however, that antidepressants may have a role in inducing worsening of depression and the emergence of suicidality in certain patients during the early phases of treatment. Pooled analyses of short-term placebo-controlled studies of antidepressant drugs (SSRIs and others) showed that these drugs increase the risk of suicidal thinking and behavior (suicidality) in children, adolescents, and young adults (ages 18-24) with major depressive disorder (MDD) and other psychiatric disorders. Short-term studies did not show an increase in the risk of suicidality with antidepressants compared to placebo in adults beyond age 24; the was a reduction with antidepressants compared to placebo in adults aged 65 and older. The pooled analyses of placebo-controlled studies in children and adolescents with MDD, obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD), or other psychiatric disorders included a total of 24 short-term studies of 9 antidepressant drugs in over 4,400 patients. The pooled analyses of placebo-controlled studies in adults with MDD or other psychiatric disorders included a total of 295 short-term studies (median duration of 2 months) of 11 antidepressant drugs in over 77,000 patients. There was considerable variation in risk of suicidality among drugs, but a tendency toward an increase in the younger patients for almost all drugs studied. There were differences (drug vs. placebo), however, were relatively stable within age strata and across indications. These risk differences (drug vs. placebo), florence in the number of cases of suicidality per 1000 patients treated) are provided in Table 1 of the full prescribing information. No suicides occurred in any of the pediatric studies. There were suicides in the adult studies. but the number was show an increase in the risk of suicidality with antidepressants compared to placebo in adults beyond age 24: there No suicides occurred in any of the pediatric studies. There were suicides in the adult studies, but the number was not sufficient to reach any conclusion about drug effect on suicide. It is unknown whether the suicidality risk extends to longer-term use, ie, beyond several months. However, there is substantial evidence from placeboextends to longer-term use, i.e. peyond several mornis. However, mere is substantial evidence from piacevo-controlled maintenance studies in adults with depression that the use of antidepressants can delay the recurrence of depression. All patients being treated with antidepressants for any indication should be monitored appropriately and observed closely for clinical worsening, suicidality, and unusual changes in behavior, especially during the initial few months of a course of drug therapy, or at times of dose changes, either increases or decreases. The following symptoms, anxiety, agitation, partic attacks, insomnia, irritability, hostility, aggressiveness, impulsivity, akathisia (psychomotor restlessness), hypomania, and mania, have berported in adult and pediatric patients being treated with antidepressants for major depressive disorder as well as for other aduit and pediatric patients being treated with antidepressants for major depressive disorder as well as for drain indications, both psychiatric, and nonpsychiatric. Although a causal link between the emergence of such symptoms and either the worsening of depression and/or the emergence of suicidal impulses has not been established, there is concern that such symptoms may represent precursors to emerging suicidality. Consideration should be given to changing the therapeutic regimen, including possibly discontinuing the medication, in patients whose depression is persistently worse, or who are experiencing emergent suicidality or symptoms that might be precursors to worsening depression or suicidality, especially if these symptoms are severe, abrupt in onset, or were precursors to worsening depression or suicidality, especially if triese symptoms are severe, abrupt in onset, or were not part of the patient's presenting symptoms. If the decision has been made to discontinue treatment, medication should be tapered, as rapidly as is feasible, but with recognition that abrupt discontinuation can be associated with certain symptoms [see Warnings and Precautions (5.9) and Dosage and Administration (2.3) in the full prescribin information for a description of the risks of discontinuation of Pristiql. Families and caregivers of patients being treated with antidepressants for major depressive disorder or other indications, both psychiatric and nonpsychiatric, should be alerted about the need to monitor patients for the emergence of staticidality, unusual changes in behavior, and the other sumptoms described above, as well as the emergence of staticidality. unusual changes in behavior, and the other symptoms described above, as well as the emergence of suicidality, and to report such symptoms immediately to health care providers. Such monitoring should include daily observation by families and caregivers. Prescriptions for Pristig should be written for the smallest quantity of tablets consistent with good patient management, in order to reduce the risk of overdose. Screening patients for <u>bipolar disorder</u>- A major depressive episode may be the initial presentation of bipolar disorder. It is generally believed (though not established in controlled studies) that treating such an episode with an antidepressant alone may increase the likelihood of precipitation of a mixed/manic episode in patients at risk for bipolar disorder. Whether any of the symptoms described above represent such a conversion is unknown. However, prior to initiating treatment with an antidepressant, patients with depressive symptoms should be adequately screened to determine if they are at risk for bipolar disorder; such screening should include a detailed psychiatric history, including a family history of suicide, bipolar disorder, and depression. It should be noted that Pristiq is not approved for use in treating bipolar depression. Serotonin Syndrome or Neuroleptic Malignant Syndrome (NMS)-like Reactions- The development of a potentially life-threatening serotonin syndrome or Neuroleptic Malignant Syndrome (NMS)-like reactions have been reported with SNRIs and SSRIs alone, including Pristig treatment, but particularly with concomitant use of serotonergic drugs (including triptans), with drugs that impair metabolism of serotonin (including MAOIs), or with antipsychotics or other dopamine antagonists. Serotonin syndrome symptoms may include mental status changes (eg. agitation, hallucinations, coma), autonomic instability (eg. tachycardia, labile blood pressure, hyperthermia), neuromuscular aberrations (e.g., hyperreflexia, incoordination) and/or gastrointestinal symptoms (e.g. nausea, voniting, diarrhea). Serotonin syndrome in its most severe form caresemble neuroleptic malignant syndrome, which includes hyperthermia, muscle rigidity, autonomic instability with possible rapid fluctuation of vital signs, and mental status changes. Patients should be monitored for the emergence of serotonin syndrome or NMS-like signs and symptoms. The concomitant use of Pristiq with MAOIs intended to treat depression is contraindicated [see Contraindications (4.2)]. If concomitant treatment of Pristiq with a 5-hydroxytryptamine receptor agonist (triptan) is clinically warranted, careful observation of the patient advised narticularly during freatment initiation and dose increases. The concomitant use of Pristiq with serotonin advised, particularly during treatment initiation and dose increases. The concomitant use of Pristig with serotoning precursors (such as tryptophan) is not recommended. Treatment with Pristiq and any concomitant service antidopaminergic agents, including antipsychotics, should be discontinued immediately if the above events occur, and supportive symptomatic treatment should be initiated. **Elevated Blood Pressure-** Patients receiving Pristiq and supportive symptomatic treatment should be initiated. **Levated blood Pressure** - Patients receiving Praisis should have regular monitoring of blood pressure since dose-dependent increases were observed in clinical studies. Pre-existing hypertension should be controlled before initiating treatment with Pristiq. Caution should be exercised in treating patients with pre-existing hypertension or other underlying conditions that might be compromised by increases in blood pressure. Cases of elevated blood pressure requiring immediate treatment have been reported with Pristiq. <u>Sustained hypertension</u>. Sustained blood pressure increases could have adverse consequences. For patients who experience a sustained increase in blood pressure while receiving Pristiq, either these productions of a support of the production Consequences. On patients who experience a socialized increase in blood plessure while receiving Fristing, enter dose reduction or discontinuation should be considered [see Adverse Reactions (6.1)]. Treatment with Pristing in controlled studies was associated with sustained hypertension, defined as treatment-emergent supine diabtlo blood pressure (SDBP)=300 mm Hg and 2-10 mm Hg above baseline for 3 consecutive on-therapy visits. In clinical studies, regarding the proportion of patients with sustained hypertension, the following rates were observed: placebo (0.5%), Pristing 50 mg (1.3%), Pristing 100 mg (0.7%), Pristing 200 mg (1.1%), and Pristing 40mg (2.3%). Analyses of patients in Pristing controlled studies who met criteria for sustained hypertension revealed a

dose-dependent increase in the proportion of patients who developed sustained hypertension. Abnormal Bleeding-SSRIs and SNRIs can increase the risk of bleeding events. Concomitant use of aspirin, other drugs that affect platelet function, nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, warfarin, and other anticoagulants can add to this risk. Bleeding events related to SSRIs and SNRIs have ranged from ecchymosis, hematoma, epistaxis, and petechiae to life-threatening hemorrhages. Patients should be cautioned about the risk of bleeding associated with the concomitant use of Pristiq and NSAIDs, aspirin, or other drugs that affect coagulation or bleeding. Narrow-angle Glaucoma-Mydriasis has been reported in association with Pristiq; therefore, patients with raised intraocular pressure or those at risk of acute narrow-angle glaucoma (angle-closure glaucoma) should be monitored.

Activation of Mania/Hypomania-During all MDD and VMS (vasomotor symptoms) phase 2 and phase 3 studies,
mania was reported for approximately 0.1% of patients treated with Pristip. Activation of mania/Hypomania has
also been reported in a small proportion of patients with major affective disorder who were treated with other marketed antidepressants. As with all antidepressants, Pristiq should be used cautiously in patients with a history or family history of mania or hypomania. Cardiovascular/Cerebrovascular Disease-Caution is advised in administering Pristiq to patients with cardiovascular, cerebrovascular, or lipid metabolism disorders [see Adverse Reactions (6.1)]. Increases in blood pressure and heart rate were observed in clinical studies with Pristig. Pristig Heactions (b. 1); increases in blood pressure and neart rate were observed in clinical studies with Pristiq. Pristiq and has not been evaluated systematically in patients with a recent history of myocardial infarction, unstable heart disease, uncontrolled hypertension, or cerebrovascular disease. Patients with these diagnoses, except for cerebrovascular disease, were excluded from clinical studies. Serum Cholesterol and Triglyceride Elevation—bose-related elevations in fasting serum total cholesterol, LDL (low-density lipoprotein) cholesterol, and triglycerides were observed in the controlled studies. Measurement of serum lipids should be considered during treatment with Pristiq [see Adverse Reactions (6.1)]. Discontinuation of Treatment with Pristiq Discontinuation symptoms have been systematically and prospectively evaluated in patients treated with Pristiq during clinical studies in major depressive disorder. Abrupt discontinuation or dose reduction has been associated with the appearance of new symptoms that include dizziness, nausea, headache, irritability, insomnia, diarrhea, anxiety, fatigue, abnormal dreams, and hyperhidrosis. In general, discontinuation events occurred more frequently with longer duration of therapy. During marketing of SNRIs (Serotonin and Norepinephrine Reuptake Inhibitors) and SSRIs (Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors), there have been spontaneous reports of adverse events occurring upon discontinuation of these drugs, particularly when abrupt, including the following: dysphoric mood, irritability, agitation, dizziness, sensory disturbances (eg, paresthesia, such as electric shock sensations), anxiety, confusion, headache, lethargy, emotional lability, insomnia, hypomania, tinnitus, and seizures. While these events are generally self-limiting, there have been reports of serious discontinuation symptoms. Patients should be monitored generally self-limiting, there have been reports of serious discontinuation symptoms. Patients should be monitored for these symptoms when discontinuing treatment with Pristiq. A gradual reduction in the dose rather than abrupt cessation is recommended whenever possible. If intolerable symptoms occur following a decrease in the dose or upon discontinuation of treatment, then resuming the previously prescribed dose may be considered subsequently, the physician may continue decreasing the dose, but at a more gradual rate [see Dosage and Administration (2.4) and Adverse Reactions (6.1) in full prescribing information]. Renal Impairment-In patients with moderate or severe renal impairment or end-stage renal disease (ESRD) the clearance of Pristiq was decreased, thus prolonging the elimination half-life of the drug. As a result, there were potentially clinically significant increases in exposures to Pristiq [see Clinical Pharmacology (12.6) in full prescribing information]. Dosage adjustment (50 mg every other day) is necessary in patients with severe renal impairment or ESRD. The doses should not be escalated in patients with moderate or severe renal impairment or ESRD [see Dosage and Administration (2.2) in full prescribing information]. Seizure-Cases of seizure have been reported in premarketing clinical studies with Pristiq. Pristiq should be prescribed with caution in patients with a seizure disorder. Hyponatremia-Hyponatremia can occur as a result of treatment with SSRs and SNRIs, including Pristiq. In many cases, this hyponatremia-Hyponatremia can occur as a result of treatment with SSRs and SNRIs, including Pristiq. In many Hyponatremia—Hyponatremia can occur as a result of treatment with SSRIs and SNRIs, including Pristiq, In many cases, this hyponatremia appears to be the result of the syndrome of inappropriate antidiuretic hormone secretion (SIADH). Elderly patients can be at greater risk of developing hyponatremia with SSRIs and SNRIs. Also, patients taking diuretics or who are otherwise volume depleted can be at greater risk (see Use in Specific Populations (8.5) and Clinical Pharmacology (12.6) in full prescribing information.) Discontinuation of Pristiq should be considered in patients with symptomatic hyponatremia and appropriate medical intervention should be instituted. Coadministration of Drugs Containing Desvenlafaxine and Venlafaxine- Desvenlafaxine is the used concomitantly with Pristiq. Interstitial Lung Disease and products containing venlafaxine should not be used concomitantly with Pristiq. Interstitial Lung Disease and Eosinophilic Pneumonia—Interstitial lung disease and eosinophilic pneumonia associated with venlafaxine (the parent drug of Pristiq) therapy have been rarely reported. The possibility of these adverse events should be considered in patients treated with Pristiq who present with progressive dyspone, cound, or chest discomfort. Such patients should undergo a prompt medical evaluation, with progressive dyspriea, cough, or chest discomfort. Such patients should undergo a prompt medical evaluation, and discontinuation of Pristiq should be considered.

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ADVERSE REACTIONS: Clinical Studies Experience: The most commonly observed adverse reactions in Pristiq-treated MDD patients in short-term fixed-dose studies (incidence ≥5% and at least twice the rate of placebo in the 50- or 100-mg dose groups) were nausea, dizziness, insomnia, hyperhidrosis, constipation, somnolence, decreased appetite, anxiety, and specific male sexual function disorders. Adverse reactions reported as reasons for discontinuation of treatment-The most common adverse reactions leading to discontinuation in at least 2% of the Pristiq-treated patients in the short-term studies, up to 8 weeks, were nausea (4%); dizziness, headache and vomiting (2% each); in the long-term study, up to 9 months, the most common was vomiting (2%). Common adverse reactions in placebo-controlled MDD studies- Table 5 in full PI shows the incidence of common adverse reactions that occurred in ≥2% of Pristiq-treated MDD patients at any dose in the 8-week, placebo-controlled, fixed-dose, premarketing clinical studies. In general, the adverse reactions were most frequent in the first week of reatment. Cardiac disorders: Palpitations, Tachycardia, Blood pressure increased; Gastrointestinal Giorders: Nausea, Dry mouth, Diarrhea, Constipation, Vomiting; General disorders and administration site conditions: Fatigue, Chills, Feeling jittery, Asthemis: Metabolism and nutrition disorders: Decreased appetite, weight decreased: Nervous system disorders: Dizziness, Somnolence, Headache, Tremor, Paraesthesia, Disturbance in attention, Psychiatric Disorders: Dizziness; Somnolence, Headache, Tremor, Paraesthesia, Disturbance in attention, Psychiatric Disorders: Discorders: Dizziness, Somnolence, Headache, Tremor, Paraesthesia, Disturbance in attention, Psychi injury of the state of the stat ECG changes-Electrocardiograms were obtained from 1,492 Pristig-treated patients with major depressive disorder and 984 placebo-treated patients in clinical studies lasting up to 8 weeks. No clinically relevant differences were observed between Pristig-treated and placebo-treated patients for QT, QTc, PR, and QRS differences were observed between Pristiq-treated and placebo-treated patients for QT, QTc. PR, and QRS This brief summary is be intervals. In a thorough QTc study with prospectively determined criteria, desvenilataxine did not cause QT prolongation. No difference was observed between placebo and desvenelafaxine treatments for the QRS interval. Vital sign changes-Table 7 summarizes the changes that were observed in placebo-controlled, short-term, premarketing studies with Pristiq in patients with MDD (doses 50 to 400 mg). Relative to placebo, Pristiq was associated with mean increase of up to 2.1 mm Hg in systolic blood pressure, 2.3 mm Hg in diastolic blood pressure, and 4.1 bpm with supine pulse. At the final on-therapy assessment in the 6-month, double-blind, placebo-controlled phase of a long-term study in patients who had responded to Pristiq during the initial 12-week, open-label phase, there was no statistical difference in mean weight gain between Pristiq- and placebo-treated patients. Orthostatic hypotension - In the short-term, placebo-controlled clinical studies with doses of 5-040 mg, systolic orthostatic hypotension (decrease ≥30 mm Hg from supine to standing position) occurred more frequently in patients ≥55 years of age receiving Pristiq (8.0%, 7/87) versus placebo (0.7%, 8/1,218). DRUG INTERACTIONS: Central Nervous System (CNS)-Active Agents-The risk of using Pristiq in combination with other CNS-active drugs has not been systematically evaluated. Consequently, caution is advised when Pristiq is taken in combination with other

CNS-active drugs [see Warnings and Precautions (5.13)]. Monoamine Oxidase Inhibitors (MAOIs)- Adverse reactions, some of which were serious, have been reported in patients who have recently been discontinued from a monoamine oxidase inhibitor (MAOI) and started on antidepressants with pharmacological properties similar to Pristig (SNRIs or SSRIs), or who have recently had SNRI or SSRI therapy discontinued prior to initiation of an MAOI Prisud (sivins of sonsit), of wind nade recently had solved it so, in leady discontinuted prior to initiation of an invited prior to initiation of an invited prior to initiation of a proper section in syndrome, caution is advised when Pristiq is coadministered with other drugs that may affect the serotonergic neurotransmitter systems (see Warnings and Precautions (5.2)). Drugs that Interfere with Hemostasis (eg, NSAIDs, Aspirin, and Warfarin)- Serotonin release by platelets plays an important role in hemostasis. Epidemiological studies of case-control and cohort design have demonstrated an association between use of psychotropic drugs that interfere with serotonin reuptake and the occurrence of upper gastrointestinal bleeding. These studies have also shown that concurrent use of an NSAID or aspirin may potentiate this risk of bleeding. Altered anticoagulant effects, including increased bleeding, have been reported when SSRs and SNRIs are coadministered with warfarin. Patients receiving warfarin therapy should be carefully monitored when Pristiq is initiated or discontinued. **Ethanol**- A clinical study has shown that desvendafaxine does not increase the are coadministered with warrant. Faulists reserving warrant interapy sincide to elactivity inhibitore when I readers is initiated or discontinued. Ethanol- A clinical study has shown that desvenlataxine does not increase the impairment of mental and motor skills caused by ethanol. However, as with all CNS-active drugs, patients should be advised to avoid alcohol consumption while taking Pristiq. Potential for Other Drugs to Affect Desvenlataxine-inhibitors of CYP3A4 (ketoconazole)- CYP3A4 is a minor pathway for the metabolism of Pristiq. Concomitant use of Pristiq with potent inhibitors of CYP3A4 may result in higher concentrations of Pristiq. Inhibitor of other Progressed on in vitro data, drugs that inhibit CYP isozymes 1A1, 1A2, 2A6, 2D6, 2C6, 2C9, 2C19, and 2E1 are not expected to have significant impact on the pharmacokinetic profile of Pristiq. Potential for Desvenlataxine to Affect Other Drugs- Drugs metabolized by CYP2D6 (designamine)- In vitro vites showed minimal inhibitory effect of desvenlataxine on CYP2D6. Clinical studies have shown that desvenlataxine does not have a clinically relevant effect on CYP2D6 metabolism at the dose of 100 mg daily. Concomitant use of exentlataxine with a drug metabolized by CYP2D6 can result in higher concentrations of that drug. Drugs metabolized by CYP3A4 (midazolam)- In vitro, desvenlataxine does not inhibit or induce the CYP3A4 isozymes metabolized by CYP1A2, 2A6, 2C8, 2C9, and 2C19 isozymes and would not be expected to affect the pharmacokinetics of drugs that are metabolized by CYP1A2, 2A6, 2C8, 2C9, and 2C19 isozymes and would not be expected to affect the pharmacokinetics of drugs that are substrated or an inhibit for the P-glycoprotein transporter. The pharmacokinetics of Pristiq are unlikely to be affected by drugs that inhibit the P-glycoprotein transporter. The pharmacokinetics of Pristiq are unlikely to be affected by drugs that inhibit the P-glycoprotein transporter. Patents should be advised to notify their physician if they become pregnant or intend to to become pregnant during therapy. <u>Teratogenic effects—Pregnancy Category C</u>-There are no adequate and well-controlled studies of Pristiq in pregnant women. Therefore, Pristiq should be used during pregnancy only if the potential benefits justify the potential henefits justify the potential risks. <u>Mon-teratogenic effects</u>—Neonates exposed to SNRIs (Serotonin and Norepinephrine Reuptake Inhibitors), or SSRIs (Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors), late in the third trimester potential benefits justify the potential risks. Non-teratogenic effects- Neonates exposed to SNRis (Sérotonin and Norepinephrine Reuptake Inhibitors), or SSRis (Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors), late in the third trimester have developed complications requiring prolonged hospitalization, respiratory support, and tube feeding. Such complications can arise immediately upon delivery. Reported clinical findings have included respiratory distress, cyanosis, apnea, seizures, temperature instability, feeding difficulty, vomiting, hypoglycemia, hypotonia, hypotenia, in some cases, the clinical picture is consistent with serotonin syndrome. It should be noted that, in some cases, the clinical picture is consistent with serotonin syndrome [see Warnings and Precautions (5.2)]. When treating a pregnant woman with Pristiq during the third trimester, the physician should carefully consider the potential risks and benefits of treatment (see Dosage and Administration (2.2)]. Labor and belivery ne feet of Pristiq on labor and delivery in humans is unknown. Pristiq should be used during labor and delivery only if the potential risks Nursing Mothers- Desvenlafaxine (0-desmethylvenlafaxine) is excreted in human milik. Because of the potential for serious adverse reactions in nursing infants from Pristiq, a decision should be made whether or not to discontinue nursing or to discontinue the drug, taking into account the importance of the drug to the mother. Only administer Pristiq to breastfeeding women if the expected benefits outweigh any possible risk. Pediatric Use- Safety and effectiveness in the pediatric population have not been established [see Box Warning and Warnings and Precautions (5.1)]. Anyone considering the use of Pristiq in a child or adolescent must balance the potential risks with the clinical need. Geriatric Us elimination half-lives were significantly prolonged, increasing exposures to Pristiq; therefore, dosage adjustment is recommended in these patients [see Dosage and Administration (2.2) and Clinical Pharmacology (12.6) in the full prescribing information]. **Hepatic Impairment-** The mean t_{ii}, changed from approximately 10 hours in healthy subjects and subjects with mild hepatic impairment to 13 and 14 hours in moderate and severe hepatic impairment, respectively. No adjustment in starting dosage is necessary for patients with hepatic impairment.

OVERDOSAGE: Human Experience with Overdosage- There is limited clinical experience with desvenlafaxine succinate overdosage in humans. In premarketing clinical studies, no cases of fatal acute overdose of desvenlafaxine were reported. The adverse reactions reported within 5 days of an overdose > 600 mg that were desveniafaxine were reported. The adverse reactions reported within 5 days of an overdose > 600 mg that were possibly related to Pristiq included headache, vomiting, agitation, dizziness, nausea, constipation, diarrhea, dry mouth, paresthesia, and tachycardia. Desveniafaxine (Pristiq) is the major active metabolite of veniafaxine, overdose experience reported with veniafaxine (the parent drug of Pristiq) is presented below; the identical information can be found in the Overdosage section of the veniafaxine package insert. In postmarketing experience, overdose with veniafaxine (the parent drug of Pristiq) has occurred predominantly in combination with alcohol and/or other drugs. The most commonly reported events in overdosage include tachycardia, changes in level of consciousness (ranging from somnolence to coma), mydriasis, seizures, and vomiting. Electrocardiogram changes (eg, prolongation of QT interval, bundle branch block, QRS prolongation), sinus and ventricular tachycardia, bradycardia, hypotension, rhabdomyolysis, vertigo, liver necrosis, serotonin syndrome, and death have been reported. Published retrospective studies report that veniafaxine overdosage may be associated with an increase risk of fatal outcomes compared to that observed with SSRI antidepressant products, but lower than that for risk of fatal outcomes compared to that observed with SSRI antidepressant products, but lower than that for risk of fatal outcomes compared to that observed with SSRI antidepressant products, but lower than that for ircyclic antidepressants. Epidemiological studies have shown that ventafaxine-treated patients have finigher pre-existing burden of suicide risk factors than SSRI-treated patients. The extent to which the finding of an increased risk of fatal outcomes can be attributed to the toxicity of ventafaxine in overdosage, as opposed to some characteristics) of ventafaxine-treated patients, is not clear. Prescriptions for Pristiq should be written for the smallest quantity of tablets consistent with good patient management, in order to reduce the risk of overdosa. Management of Overdosage-Treatment should consist of those general measures employed in the management of overdosage with any SSR/SNRIN. Enzure an adequate airway, ovygenation, and ventilation. Monitor cardiac rhythm and vital signs. General supportive and symptomatic measures are also recommended. Gastric lavage with a large-bore orogastric tube with appropriate airway protection, if needed, may be indicated if performed soon after in symptomatic natients. Activated characyal should be administered. Induction of emesis is not analyse-note drogsant duce with appropriate aniway protection, in feetuer, may be molecular by the indicated in perior mess sis not recommended. Because of the moderate volume of distribution of this drug, forced diuresis, dialysis, hemoperfusion, and exchange transfusion are unlikely to be of benefit tho specific antidotes for desventlataxine are known. In managing an overdose, consider the possibility of multiple drug involvement. The physician should consider contacting a poison control center for additional information on the treatment of any overdose. Telephone numbers for certified poison control centers are listed in the Physicians Desk Reference (PDR*).

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IMPORTANT TREATMENT CONSIDERATIONS

PRISTIQ 50-mg Extended-Release Tablets are indicated for the treatment of major depressive disorder in adults.

WARNING: SUICIDALITY AND ANTIDEPRESSANT DRUGS

Antidepressants increased the risk compared to placebo of suicidal thinking and behavior (suicidality) in children, adolescents, and young adults in short-term studies of Major Depressive Disorder (MDD) and other psychiatric disorders. Anyone considering the use of PRISTIQ or any other antidepressant in a child, adolescent, or young adult must balance this risk with the clinical need. Short-term studies did not show an increase in the risk of suicidality with antidepressants compared to placebo in adults beyond age 24; there was a reduction in risk with antidepressants compared to placebo in adults aged 65 and older. Depression and certain other psychiatric disorders are themselves associated with increases in the risk of suicide. Patients of all ages who are started on antidepressant therapy should be monitored appropriately and observed closely for clinical worsening, suicidality, or unusual changes in behavior. Families and caregivers should be advised of the need for close observation and communication with the prescriber. PRISTIQ is not approved for use in pediatric patients.

Contraindications

- · PRISTIQ is contraindicated in patients with a known hypersensitivity to PRISTIQ or venlafaxine.
- · PRISTIQ must not be used concomitantly with an MAOI or within 14 days of stopping an MAOI. Allow 7 days after stopping PRISTIQ before starting an MAOI.

Warnings and Precautions

- All patients treated with antidepressants should be monitored appropriately and observed closely for clinical worsening, suicidality, and unusual changes in behavior, especially during the first few months of treatment and when changing the dose. Consider changing the therapeutic regimen, including possibly discontinuing the medication, in patients whose depression is persistently worse or includes symptoms of anxiety, agitation, panic attacks, insomnia, irritability, hostility, aggressiveness, impulsivity, akathisia, hypomania, mania, or suicidality that are severe, abrupt in onset, or were not part of the patient's presenting symptoms. Families and caregivers of patients being treated with antidepressants should be alerted about the need to monitor patients.
- Development of a potentially life-threatening serotonin syndrome or Neuroleptic Malignant Syndrome-like reactions have been reported with SNRIs and SSRIs alone, including PRISTIQ treatment, but particularly with concomitant use of serotonergic drugs, including triptans, with drugs that impair the metabolism of serotonin (including MAOIs), or with antipsychotics or other dopamine antagonists. If concomitant use with a triptan is clinically warranted, careful observation of the patient is advised, particularly during treatment initiation and dose increases. Concomitant use of PRISTIQ with serotonin precursors is not recommended.
- Patients receiving PRISTIQ should have regular monitoring of blood pressure since sustained increases in blood pressure were observed in clinical studies. Pre-existing hypertension should be controlled before starting PRISTIQ. Caution should be exercised in treating patients with pre-existing hypertension or other underlying conditions that might be compromised by increases in blood pressure. Cases of elevated blood pressure requiring immediate treatment have been reported. For patients who experience a sustained increase in blood pressure, either dose reduction or discontinuation should be considered.

- · SSRIs and SNRIs, including PRISTIQ, may increase the risk of bleeding events. Concomitant
- Sortis and Sixins, including Priority, may increase the risk of bleeding events. Concomitant use of aspirin, NSAIDs, warfarin, and other anticoagulants may add to this risk.
 Mydriasis has been reported in association with PRISTIQ; therefore, patients with raised intraocular pressure or those at risk of acute narrow-angle glaucoma (angle-closure glaucoma) should be monitored.
- · PRISTIQ is not approved for use in bipolar depression. Prior to initiating treatment with an antidepressant, patients should be adequately screened to determine the risk of hipolar disorder
- As with all antidepressants, PRISTIQ should be used cautiously in patients with a history or family history of mania or hypomania, or with a history of seizure disorder.

 Caution is advised in administering PRISTIQ to patients with cardiovascular,
- cerebrovascular, or lipid metabolism disorders. Increases in blood pressure and small increases in heart rate were observed in clinical studies with PRISTIQ. PRISTIQ has not been evaluated systematically in patients with a recent history of myocardial infarction, unstable heart disease, uncontrolled hypertension, or cerebrovascular disease.
- Dose-related elevations in fasting serum total cholesterol, LDL (low density lipoprotein) cholesterol, and triglycerides were observed in clinical studies. Measurement of serum lipids should be considered during PRISTIQ treatment.
- on discontinuation, adverse events, some of which may be serious, have been reported with PRISTIQ and other SSRIs and SNRIs. Abrupt discontinuation of PRISTIQ has been associated with the appearance of new symptoms. Patients should be monitored for symptoms when discontinuing treatment. A gradual reduction in dose (by giving 50 mg of PRISTIQ less frequently) rather than abrupt cessation is recommended whenever possible.
- Dosage adjustment (50 mg every other day) is necessary in patients with severe renal impairment or end-stage renal disease (ESRD). The dose should not be escalated in patients with moderate or severe renal impairment or ESRD.
- Products containing desvenlafaxine and products containing venlafaxine should not be used concomitantly with PRISTIQ.
- Hyponatremia may occur as a result of treatment with SSRIs and SNRIs, including PRISTIQ. Discontinuation of PRISTIQ should be considered in patients with symptomatic hyponatremia.
- Interstitial lung disease and eosinophilic pneumonia associated with venlafaxine (the parent drug of PRISTIQ) therapy have been rarely reported.

Adverse Reactions

The most commonly observed adverse reactions in patients taking PRISTIQ vs placebo for MDD in short-term fixed-dose premarketing studies (incidence ≥5% and twice the rate of placebo in the 50-mg dose group) were nausea (22% vs 10%), dizziness (13% vs 5%), hyperhidrosis (10% vs 4%), constipation (9% vs 4%), and decreased appetite (5% vs 2%).

Reference: 1. Pristig® (desvenlafaxine) Prescribing Information, Wyeth Pharmaceuticals Inc.

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