Fluoxetine Capsules

Fluoxetine capsules contain:

Fluoxetine hydrochloride (active ingredient)

Fluoxetine is in a group of medicines called selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs) and are antidepressants.

The medicine is used to treat the following conditions:

- Adults:
  - Depressive episodes
  - Obsessive-compulsive disorder
  - Bulimia nervosa

Children and adolescents aged 8 years and above:

- Fluoxetine capsules contain:

TREATMENT OF MEDICINE:

Fluoxetine should be used with caution in combination with psychotherapy.

If you are pregnant or breast-feeding, talk to your doctor or pharmacist. This includes if you think you may be pregnant or are planning to have a baby. Fluoxetine capsules should not be used in the treatment of children under the age of 6 years.

Pregnancy, breast-feeding and fertility:

- Fluoxetine capsules may alter the effect of these medicines on the blood. If you are taking warfarin, your doctor will need to consider prescribing a different antidepressant treatment.
- You may be more likely to think like this:

...Thoughts of suicide and worsening of your depression or anxiety disorder:

- Fluoxetine capsules might need to be discontinued since these medicines all take time to work, usually about two weeks but sometimes longer.
- You may be more likely to think this:
- ...for the first 24 hours after the baby is born. If this happens to your baby it should be reported to your doctor or pharmacist immediately.

...suicide attempt, suicidal thoughts and suicide-related behaviour: parents and carers:

...When taken during pregnancy, particularly in the last 3 months of pregnancy, medicines like Fluoxetine capsules may cause suicide attempts, suicidal thoughts and suicide-related behaviour in the baby, ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before taking this medicine.

...taking fluoxetine capsules for patients under 18 you want to discuss this, please go back to your doctor. They may be able to tell you if any of the symptoms listed above develop or worsen.

...children and adolescents aged 10 to 18 years for the treatment of moderate to severe major depressive disorder in adults. Fluoxetine capsules should not be used in the treatment of children under the age of 6 years.

Somatic dysfunction:

- Medicines like Fluoxetine (so called SSRIs) may cause symptoms of sexual dysfunction (see section 4).

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- You may need to be treated for a few weeks or months to ensure that you are free from symptoms.

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- ...make the baby breathe faster and appear bluish.

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- If you stop taking fluoxetine capsules suddenly or miss a dose, you may get withdrawal effects. See section 3.

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Fluoxetine has been shown to reduce the quality of sperm in animal studies. Theoretically, this may also occur in humans. The risk of the potential risk is very small.

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