



CLOZAPINE



Decreases dopamine activity and used third line after two other similar medicines

Best at helping with hearing or seeing things that aren't there; intrusive and distressing thoughts; strongly believing things you usually don't; and feeling agitated, very excited or elated

2-4 weeks to reach the right dose, full effects build up over 3 months - 1 year

Side-effects include drowsiness, dizziness, racing heart, muscle jerks, drooling, blurred vision, constipation and increased appetite

Blood tests to check your blood count (weekly to start then less often), sugar, fats and weight, BMI and heart check

Talk to the doctor if you want to stop, have missed two days or changed smoking status

Tell the doctor if you have constipation that isn't getting better, fever, sore throat, flu-like symptoms or chest pain/very fast heartbeat