

Desyrel (trazodone)

Parent Information Sheet

Why it is prescribed

Desyrel is given for the treatment of depression and as a sleep aid.

How to give Desyrel

- Desyrel is prescribed only for use by the patient whose name appears on the prescription.
- Desyrel requires adult supervision at home and at school. Your child should not be expected to remember to take the medication on his/her own. Your school will require a form for school medication administration signed by the doctor.
- Give Desyrel exactly as your doctor has prescribed.
- Do not give Desyrel more often or in larger doses than what your doctor has ordered. If you have any questions or concerns about the current medication, call your doctor's office.
- If you miss a dose, take the missed dose as soon as possible; then take the remaining doses for that day at regularly spaced times. Do not give a double dose.

*The phone number to the office is
(313) 832-1100 ext. 220*

Side Effects

The most **common**: dizziness, drowsiness, headache, dry mouth, upset stomach, blurred vision.

Very rare: irregular heartbeat, chest pain, a prolonged erection (4 hours or longer.) If any of these side effects occur, call you doctor or go to the nearest ER.

Procedure for getting a prescription

- If you require a prescription refill before your next scheduled appointment, please call the clinical services office at (313) 832-1100 ext. 220.
- Please have your pharmacy phone number available before calling for prescription refills.
- The Detroit Institute for Children is not open on weekends or holidays. The clinical services department is open from 8 am till 5:00 pm Monday through Thursday and 8 am till 12 noon on Fridays.
- If you are overdue for a return appointment or have not kept a scheduled appointment, your child's doctor reserves the right not to prescribe the medication.

Poison Control Center:
1-800-764-7661 (1-800-POISON-1)