

# Orap (pimozide)

## Parent Information Sheet

### *Why it is prescribed*

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Orap is used to treat motor and phonic tics associated with Tourette's Syndrome.

### *How to give Orap*

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- Orap is prescribed only for use by the patient whose name appears on the prescription.
- Orap 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 Orap exactly as your doctor has prescribed
- Do not give Orap 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.
- Never discontinue your child's medication without first consulting a doctor.

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

***Your child's doctor is:***

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

### **Side Effects**

The most **common** but infrequent: stomach upset, weight changes, dizziness, vision changes, rash and increased urinary frequency.

**Serious:** severe muscle stiffness, altered mental ability, irregular pulse, increased body heat and sweating. Uncontrolled movement of tongue, mouth, jaws, arms or legs.

Call your doctor immediately about serious side effects or go to the nearest emergency room.

### ***Special Considerations***

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- Combining Orap with other medications may alter their actions or produce unwanted side effects. Always tell your doctor about any other drugs (prescription or over-the-counter) you are taking.
- An EKG may be performed after treatment with Orap is started.

### ***Procedure for getting a prescription***

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- 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 office is open from 8 am-5pm Monday through Thursday and 8 am-12 noon on Friday.
- 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.