

# Seroquel (Quetiapine)

## Parent Information Sheet

### Why it is prescribed

Seroquel is used to treat nervous, mental, and emotional conditions such as disordered thinking, phobias, fears, anxiety, severe behavioral problems, and schizophrenia.

### How to give Seroquel

- Seroquel is prescribed only for use by the patient whose name appears on the prescription.
- Seroquel 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 Seroquel exactly as your doctor has prescribed.
- Do not give Seroquel 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** (but infrequent): dry mouth, nausea, constipation, weight gain, excessive thirst, frequent urination.

**Serious** (but rare): fast or irregular heartbeat, confusion, muscle stiffness, uncontrollable muscle movements, seizures, dizziness, fainting, visual disturbances.

Call the clinic at **(313)832-1100** or go to the nearest emergency room if any serious side effects occur.

### Special Considerations

- This medication may make you dizzy or drowsy. Avoid driving, using machines, or doing anything else that could be dangerous if you are not alert.
- You may get overheated more easily while taking this medication. Be careful if you exercise heavily or are in high heat or humidity. Drink plenty of water every day
- You may need to have your eyes tested on a regular basis while using this medication.

### 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 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)***

