

Tofranil (Imipramine)

Parent Information Sheet

Why it is prescribed

Tofranil is a Tricyclic Antidepressant that increases the amount of mood elevating chemicals in the brain. Tofranil is most commonly prescribed for the treatment of Depression, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), panic disorder, bedwetting and some sleep disorders.

How to give Tofranil

- Tofranil is prescribed only for use by the patient whose name appears on the prescription. Do not allow anyone else to take this medication.
- Give Tofranil exactly as your doctor has prescribed. Give Tofranil at the same time every day. If you forget a dose of Tofranil, the missed dose can be given if it is within one hour of when it should have been given.
- Do not give the medication 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.
- Never take a double dose to make up for a missed dose.
- Tofranil requires adult supervision at home. Your child should not be expected to remember to take the medication on his/her own.
- Unless your doctor instructs otherwise, take Tofranil with food (even at bedtime) to reduce stomach upset.
- It may take 3 to 6 weeks to see a full response to Tofranil. Do not suddenly stop taking this medicine.
- Never discontinue your child's medication without consulting the doctor.

Side Effects

The most common: sleepiness, weakness, dry mouth, constipation and low blood pressure.

Serious: irregular heart beat, skin rashes, blurred vision, and itching.

Very rare: seizures, hallucinations.

Call your doctor immediately about serious side effects.
(313) 832-1100 ext. 220

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. The prescription can be called into the pharmacy.
- The Detroit Institute for Children is not open on weekends or holidays. The clinical services office is open from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- 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.
- Please have your pharmacy phone number available when requesting prescription refills.

Your child's doctor is:

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

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