

### Prozac Risks

#### What Are The Risks?

The following are the major potential risks and side effects of Prozac therapy. However, this list is not complete.

Possible life-threatening serotonin syndrome when used with triptan medicines.

Infant persistent pulmonary hypertension.

Suicidal thoughts or actions: Persons taking Prozac may be more likely to think about killing themselves or actually try to do so, especially when Prozac is first started or the dose is changed. People close to persons taking Prozac can help by paying attention to changes in user's moods or actions. Contact your healthcare professional right away if someone using Prozac talks about or shows signs of killing him or herself. If you are taking Prozac yourself and you start thinking about killing yourself, tell your healthcare professional about this side effect right away.

Stopping Prozac: Do not stop taking Prozac suddenly because you could get side effects. Your healthcare professional will slowly decrease your dose.

Rash and possible allergic reactions: Prozac may cause serious skin, lung and allergic-type reactions. Contact your healthcare professional right away if you get a skin rash or hives, have problems breathing, or get swelling of your tongue, lips, or throat.

Bleeding problems: Prozac may cause bleeding problems, especially if taken with aspirin, NSAIDs (nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, such as ibuprofen and naproxen), or other drugs that affect bleeding.

Mania: You may become unusually hyperactive, excitable or elated.

Seizures: You may experience a seizure (convulsion), even if you are not taking Prozac close in time with an MAOI.

Weight loss: Prozac can cause weight loss. Children who take it for a long time should have their growth and body weight measured regularly.

Pregnancy: Tell your healthcare professional if you are or may be pregnant (see FDA Alert [07/2006] above). In addition to the issue described in the alert, babies delivered to mothers taking Prozac late in pregnancy have developed problems, such as difficulty breathing and feeding.

Sexual problems: You may have problems with impotence (erectile dysfunction), abnormal ejaculation, difficulty reaching orgasm, or decreased libido (sexual desire).

Other side effects include nausea, difficulty sleeping, anxiety, nervousness, and sleepiness.