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# LURASIDONE (Latuda) Fact Sheet for Patients

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**Generic Name:** Lurasidone (luh-RA-si-done)

**Brand Name:** Latuda

## What Does It Treat?

Lurasidone is primarily used to treat schizophrenia and bipolar depression. It helps to improve symptoms such as hallucinations, delusions, depressed mood, and disrupted sleep patterns.

## How Does It Work?

Lurasidone is a second-generation antipsychotic medication. It works by acting on certain receptors in the brain, specifically dopamine and serotonin receptors, to help regulate the activity of these neurotransmitters and restore balance.

## How Do I Take It?

Lurasidone is available in tablet form. It is usually taken once daily with food, preferably with a meal of at least 350 calories. Follow your health care provider's instructions on dosing and schedule.

## What is the Dose?

The typical dosage for lurasidone, used for schizophrenia and bipolar depression, ranges from 20-160 mg per day. The dosing depends on both the condition being treated and the product being used and should be determined by your health care provider.

## How Long Will I Take It?

The duration of lurasidone treatment can vary. Your health care provider will assess your progress and determine the appropriate length of treatment, which may be long-term depending on the specific condition being treated.

## What If I Miss a Dose?

If you forget to take a dose of lurasidone, take it as soon as you remember. However, if it is close to the time for your next dose, skip the missed dose and continue with your regular dosing schedule. Do not take extra doses to make up for the missed one.

## What Are Possible Side Effects?

- Most common: Sleepiness, nausea, akathisia (inner restlessness).
- Serious but rare: Neuroleptic malignant syndrome (fever, muscle stiffness, confusion), tardive dyskinesia (uncontrolled movements), difficulty swallowing, lightheadedness or fainting, high blood sugar, high cholesterol/triglyceride levels.

## What Else Should I Know?

- Lurasidone may interact with other medications. Inform your healthcare provider of all medications you are taking.
- Before starting lurasidone, tell your health care provider if you have a history of heart problems, seizures, liver or kidney problems, or any other medical conditions.
- It may take several weeks for lurasidone to start working fully. Continue taking it as prescribed, even if you start feeling better.
- Do not stop taking lurasidone abruptly without consulting your health care provider. Follow their guidance for gradually reducing the dosage.

*Remember, this fact sheet provides general information about this medication. For more specific guidance and instructions, consult your health care provider.*