










Lofepramine

This is an easy way to read this word...
low-feh-pra-meen

	<p>What is this leaflet for?</p> <p>This leaflet is to help you understand more about your medicine.</p> <p>Your medicine could look different to the photographs on this leaflet.</p>
	<p>What is the medicine called?</p> <p>Lofepramine is also called Gamanil, Feprapax or Lomont.</p> <p>You will see 1 of these names on your prescription.</p> <p>Lofepramine could come as tablets or as a liquid.</p>
 	<p>What is lofepramine for?</p> <p>Lofepramine could be used for different reasons.</p> <p>Lofepramine is used for depressive illness.</p> <p>Lofepramine is sometimes used for people who have behaviour problems.</p> <p>For example, it could...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• help if you are anxious• help calm you down• help you feel less angry• help you feel less tense.
	<p>What will lofepramine do?</p> <p>Lofepramine should help you feel calm and relaxed.</p> <p>It could take some time for lofepramine to have its full effect.</p> <p>This effect should reduce your behaviour problem.</p>

	<p>For example, it may...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• help you control your temper• help you stop hurting yourself• help you stop breaking things.
   	<p>What are the side effects of lofepramine?</p> <p>Side effects are effects medicine can have on your body that are not wanted.</p> <p>Not everyone taking a medicine will get side effects.</p> <p>Many side effects will go away with time.</p> <p>Many side effects are rare.</p> <p>You might want to talk to your doctor if you have any side effects.</p> <p>For example, these are some side effects of lofepramine...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• feeling sleepy or sluggish• feeling sick• feeling dizzy when you stand up• a dry mouth• blurred vision or things look fuzzy• wanting to eat more and putting on weight• headache• a fast heart beat• sweating more than normal.

 <p>The top illustration shows a person with wavy lines around their head and a hand to their forehead, indicating shakiness. The bottom illustration shows a person with a red, itchy rash on their arm.</p>	<p>Some side effects are more serious.</p> <p>You should tell someone straight away if...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• you feel shaky• you feel unsteady on your feet• you have a fever or high body temperature• you have a rash on you skin• you have problems weeing.
 <p>The first photograph shows a brown medicine bottle and a white box. The second photograph shows hands holding a glass of water and a white tablet. The third photograph shows a hand pouring liquid from a bottle into a spoon. The fourth illustration shows a doctor sitting at a desk talking to a patient.</p>	<p>How and when do I take lofepramine?</p> <p>The label on your lofepramine packet should tell you when to take your medicine.</p> <p>The label should tell you how much medicine you should take.</p> <p>You should follow these instructions carefully.</p> <p>You should swallow your tablet with water...</p> <p>Or...</p> <p>Measure and swallow your liquid.</p> <p>If you forget to take your medicine, tell someone straight away.</p> <p>You should ask your pharmacist if you can crush your medicine or if it can be mixed with a drink.</p> <p>You should carry on taking your medicine even if you feel better unless your doctor asks you to stop.</p> <p>You should talk to your doctor before you stop taking your medicine.</p>

	<h3>What do I need to know about lofepramine?</h3> <p>Drinking alcohol whilst taking lofepramine could make you feel drowsy.</p> <p>Some medicines do not work well together.</p> <p>You should tell your doctor about any other medicines you are taking.</p>
	<h3>Where can I get more information?</h3> <p>This leaflet does not tell you everything about lofepramine.</p> <p>If you want more information about lofepramine...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• you can ask your pharmacist, doctor or nurse for more information• you can ask your carer to get more information• you can phone NHS Direct on 0845 4647• you can phone a medicine information helpline on 020 3228 2999.

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