

PATIENT INFORMATION

Active ingredient name	BUSPIRONE (byoo-SPAR-own)
Common Uses	This medication is prescribed to treat anxiety. It may be used to treat other conditions, as determined by your doctor.
CALL YOUR DOCTOR OR PHARMACIST IF	<p>Some conditions or medications may interact with Buspirone. Inform your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking sodium oxybate (GHB), even rarely. Inform your doctor if you have any kidney or liver problems. Consult your doctor or pharmacist before starting or stopping use of any other drug.</p> <p>Inform your doctor if you are or become pregnant, are nursing, or have an allergic reaction while taking Buspirone, or have thoughts of suicide. Contact your doctor or pharmacist if you have any additional concerns about taking Buspirone.</p>
Drug interactions	<p>DO NOT TAKE THIS MEDICATION if you are taking (or have taken in the past 2 weeks) furazolidone, linezolid, or a monoamine oxidase inhibitor (MAOI) such as phenelzine.</p> <p>TELL YOUR DOCTOR if you are taking other medications for anxiety or depression, azole antifungals (such as fluconazole, itraconazole, or ketoconazole), carbamazepine, dexamethasone, diltiazem, HIV protease inhibitors (such as ritonavir), macrolide or ketolide antibiotics (such as erythromycin, telithromycin), nefazodone, Phenytoin, Phenobarbital, rifampin, verapamil, or methylene blue -- as additional monitoring of your use of Buspirone may be necessary.</p>
How to discontinue Buspirone?	Discuss all plans to stop taking Buspirone with your doctor before quitting the medication.

TAKING THIS MEDICATION

How to use this medication	Follow the instructions given by your doctor. You may take this medication with or without food. Avoid large amounts of grapefruit or grapefruit juice while you are taking Buspirone.
Storage	Store Buspirone in the container given to you at room temperature, approximately 77 degrees F/25 degrees C. Brief storage between 59F/25C and 86F/30C is permitted.
If you miss a dose	Take one dose as soon as possible, unless it is close to your next dose. If it is time for your next dose, take Buspirone as regular and skip the missed dose. Then return to your regular schedule. Do not take two doses at one time.
Additional information	Expect several days or weeks to feel the full effects of taking Buspirone. Take this medication consistently at the same dose at the same time, as indicated by your doctor. Research has not shown if Buspirone is excreted in breast milk. Do not breast feed while taking Buspirone. Consult your doctor before drinking alcohol or taking other medications.

Side effects	<p>THIS MEDICATION MAY CAUSE DIZZINESS. DO NOT OPERATE HEAVY MACHINERY OR DRIVE UNTIL YOU ARE COMFORTABLE WITH ITS EFFECTS.</p> <p>Common side effects include blurred vision, dizziness, drowsiness, excitement, headache, lightheadedness, nervousness, and/or nausea. Consult your doctor if they are bothersome.</p> <p>Contact your doctor immediately if you experience chest pain, fainting, fever, irregular heartbeat, loss of coordination, memory problems, ner or worsening mental mood, or personality changes (anger, hostility, confusion, depression), seizures, suicidal thoughts or actions, unusual hoarseness, unusual restlessness, or vision changes.</p> <p>This is not a complete list of side effects; contact a medical professional if you have a question about side effects. You may report side effects to 1-800-FDA-1088.</p>
Allergic reaction	<p>An allergic reaction is rare, but contact your doctor immediately if one occurs. Symptoms may include rash, itching, swelling, severe dizziness, or trouble breathing.</p>
Warning	<p>Do not share this medication with anyone else. Do not use this medication for any other health conditions than for that which prescribed. Keep this medication out of the reach of children. If you are using this medication for an extended period of time, call the pharmacy for refills while you still have a week's supply left at 123-555-1212.</p>