

Wingers



Side Effect Prevalence in a sample of 50 schizophrenic patients

Prevalence of side-effects in a sample of 50 schizophrenic patients, distress associated with side-effects in those patients who report them (0 = Not at all; 1 = Very little; 2 = A little; 3= Quite a lot; 4 = very much) and percentage of patients experiencing side-effects who attribute them to medication.

Side Effect	Prevalence (%)	Distress	+ve Attribution
Tiredness	78	2.353	54
Dry mouth	74	1.400	54
Difficulty remembering	70	1.970	29
Tension	68	2.552	15
Depression	68	2.533	27
Restlessness	66	2.000	46
Blurred vision	66	1.893	27
Difficulty concentrating	66	2.280	30
Increased dreaming	66	1.500	21
Difficulty getting to sleep	64	2.250	28
Passing a lot of water	58	1.556	28
Shakiness	56	1.950	54
Sensitivity to sun	56	1.538	68
Dyskinesia	54	1.692	52
Muscle stiffness	54	2.217	37
Pins and needles	54	2.136	18
Headaches	54	2.136	22
Increased sweating	52	1.454	23
Putting on weight	50	2.450	64
Slowing of movements	50	1.609	52
Difficulty staying awake	48	1.889	54
Lack of emotions	48	2.333	50
Dizziness	48	1.577	38
Period problems	48	2.750	56
Sleeping too much	46	1.500	70
Constipation	44	1.300	23
Palpitations	40	1.812	30
Feeling sick	38	1.765	37
Muscle spasm	36	1.933	44
Reduced sex drive	34	1.461	41
Periods less frequent	33	1.125	57
Increased sex drive	32	1.231	6
Losing weight	28	1.312	21
Rash	24	1.133	42
Itchy skin	22	1.850	45
Difficulty achieving climax	20	2.250	40
Diarrhoea	20	2.333	20
Drooling mouth	20	2.429	70
Skin marks	18	1.375	45
Difficulty passing water	16	2.500	37
Gynaecomastia	8	1.714	50