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Patient:

HILARY ROSS

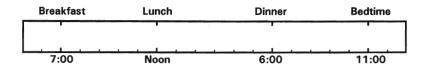
Prescriber: Brand Name:

DR. HAZEN M. GANDY APO-FLUVOXAMINE

**Chemical Name:** 

FLUVOXAMINE MAL 50MG

Date: 2004-03-08 Tx: 10049546 DIN: 02231329



#### Common uses

This medication is typically used for depression or for obsessive-compulsive disorder. It may also have other uses. It requires a few weeks to take effect.

## How to use this medication

This medication is typically used only once a day. However, your doctor or pharmacist may have suggested a different schedule that is more appropriate for you. Take it regularly and continuously to maintain its beneficial effects.

This medication may be taken with or without food. It is not advisable to stop using this product suddenly, particularly if you have been on it for several weeks. If you are considering stopping the medication, talk to your doctor or pharmacist first.

Important: Follow the instructions on the label. Do not use more of this product, or more often, than prescribed. Due to its special coating, this medication should not be chewed, crushed or dissolved in a liquid. If you cannot swallow it whole, talk to your pharmacist.

As with most medications, this product should be stored at room temperature. Store it in a secure location where it will not be exposed to excessive heat, moisture or direct sunlight. Keep it out of reach of young children.

### Possible side effects

In addition to its desired action, this medication may cause some side effects, notably:

- it may cause constipation -- to prevent this, drink plenty of water or juice, and eat more fibre;
- it may cause dizziness -- use caution when getting up from a lying or sitting position;
- it may cause either drowsiness or excitability -- use caution until you know how you will react;
- it may cause nausea or, rarely, vomiting;
- it may cause shakiness.

Each person may react differently to a treatment. If you think this medication may be causing side effects (including those described here, or others), talk to your doctor or pharmacist.

The information in this leaflet is intended to supplement, not substitute for the advice offered by your healthcare professional. The information is not intended to cover all possible uses, directions, precautions, drug interactions, adverse effects. Please consult your healthcare professional with any concerns that you may have. When travelling outside of Canada, make sure to keep all your medications in their original, labelled containers and have a doctor's letter explaining their purpose.