

## Understanding

# Quetiapine

## COMMON BRAND NAMES

Seroquel, Delucon, Kaptan, Quetia and Syquet



## What is quetiapine?

Quetiapine belongs to a class of medications known as antipsychotics. It is used to treat conditions such as bipolar disorder, mania, schizophrenia, hard to treat depression and generalised anxiety disorder.

## Taking these medicines safely

If you have been prescribed one of these medicines:

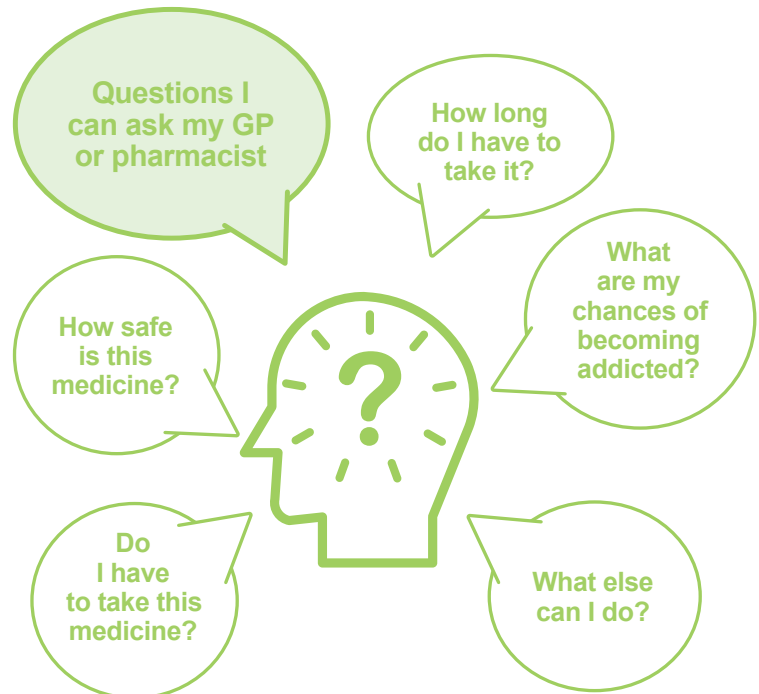
- Only take the dose prescribed for you
- Don't share your medicine with anyone
- Check with your GP or pharmacist before using other medicines
- Let your pharmacist or GP know if you experience side effects such as constipation, dizziness, drowsiness, chills, cold sweats or confusion
- Talk to your GP, pharmacist or other health professional if you find the quetiapine medicine no longer helps to control your symptoms.

## How would I know if I am having problems with this medicine?

Possible signs of dependence:

- Taking the medicine in larger amounts or for longer than you're meant to
- Not being able to cut down or stop using the medicine
- Having cravings and urges to use the medicine
- Not managing to do what you should at work, home, or school because of your use of the medicine

- Its use causes problems in relationships
- Repeatedly using the medicine, even when it puts you in danger
- Needing more of the medicine to get the effect you want (eg. developing a tolerance)
- Having withdrawal symptoms that can be relieved by taking more of the medicine



## Where can I find more information or help?

Talk to your GP, pharmacist or other health care professional if you are concerned about the medicines you take. Other services that can assist:

**Pharmaceutical Helpline**  
Tel: 1800 737 233

**SafeScript**  
[www.health.vic.gov.au/safescript](http://www.health.vic.gov.au/safescript)

**Directline**  
Tel: 1800 888 236

