

Teach patient/family:

- That orthostatic hypotension may occur; to rise from sitting or lying position gradually
- To avoid hot tubs, hot showers, tub baths; hypotension may occur
- **To avoid abrupt withdrawal of this product; EPS may result; product should be withdrawn slowly**
- To avoid OTC preparations (cough, hay fever, cold) unless approved by prescriber because serious product interactions may occur; to avoid use with alcohol, CNS depressants because increased drowsiness may occur
- To avoid hazardous activities if drowsy, dizzy
- About compliance with product regimen
- To report impaired vision, tremors, muscle twitching
- That examinations and blood work will be needed during treatment
- That weight gain may occur; to notify health care professional of large weight gain
- **That heat stroke may occur in hot weather; to take extra precautions to stay cool**

Black Box Warning: To report suicidal thoughts/behaviors, dementia immediately

- **Pregnancy/breastfeeding:** Identify if pregnancy is planned or suspected; pregnant patient should be enrolled in the National Pregnancy Registry for Atypical Antipsychotics 866-961-2388; avoid breastfeeding; use only if benefits outweigh fetal risk

TREATMENT OF OVERDOSE:

Lavage if orally ingested; provide airway; *do not induce vomiting*

RARELY USED

armodafinil (Rx)

(ar-moe-daf'in-il)

Nuvigil

**Controlled Substance
Schedule IV**

USES: Narcolepsy, obstructive sleep apnea/hypoapnea syndrome, circadian rhythm disruption (shift-work sleep problems)

CONTRAINDICATIONS: Hypersensitivity to this product or modafinil

DOSAGE AND ROUTES

Narcolepsy, obstructive sleep apnea/hypoapnea syndrome

- **Adult and adolescent ≥17 yr:** PO 150-250 mg in AM

Circadian rhythm disruption (shift-work sleep problems)

- **Adult and adolescent ≥17 yr:** PO 150 mg at start of shift

asenapine (Rx)

(a-sen'a-peen)

Saphris

Func. class.: Antipsychotic, atypical; DOPamine-serotonin antagonist

Chem. class.: Dibenzapine

ACTION: Unknown; may be mediated through both DOPamine type 2 (D2) and serotonin type 2 (5-HT2A) antagonism

USES: Bipolar 1 disorder, schizophrenia

CONTRAINDICATIONS: Breast-feeding, hypersensitivity

Precautions: Pregnancy, children, geriatric patients, cardiac/renal/hepatic disease, breast cancer, Parkinson's disease, dementia, seizure disorder, CNS depression, agranulocytosis, QT prolongation, torsades de pointes, suicidal ideation, substance abuse, diabetes mellitus

Black Box Warning: Increased mortality in elderly patients with dementia-related psychosis