

Bipolar disorder A medical condition characterised by repeated episodes of extreme moods from mania to depression.

Bipolar I disorder A classification of bipolar disorder characterised typically by one or more manic episodes or mixed episodes, often with one or more major depressive episodes.

Bipolar II disorder A classification of bipolar disorder characterised usually by one or more major depressive episodes accompanied by at least one hypomanic episode.

Depression An extreme mood state of sadness or hopelessness with physical symptoms such as sleeping or eating too much or too little.

Dysphoric mania A mood state in which symptoms of mania are accompanied by depression. Also known as mixed-state mania.

Episode A specific period of mania or depression.

Hypomania A less severe form of mania but may be a precursor to a full manic episode.

Lithium A mood stabiliser drug used in the treatment of bipolar disorder.

Mania A mood state characterised by extreme mental and physical energy, often accompanied by disorganisation of thought and behaviour.

Glossary

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Mood Diary A diary that can be used to keep track of symptoms and medications in bipolar disorder.

Mood stabiliser One class of drugs used to treat the symptoms and prevent recurrence of bipolar disorder.

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Rapid cycling A condition in bipolar disorder in which four or more episodes of mania or depression occur in one year.

Relapse The return of symptoms of disease.

VeloTab A formulation of Zyprexa that dissolves in the mouth or can be dissolved in water or other suitable drink before taking.

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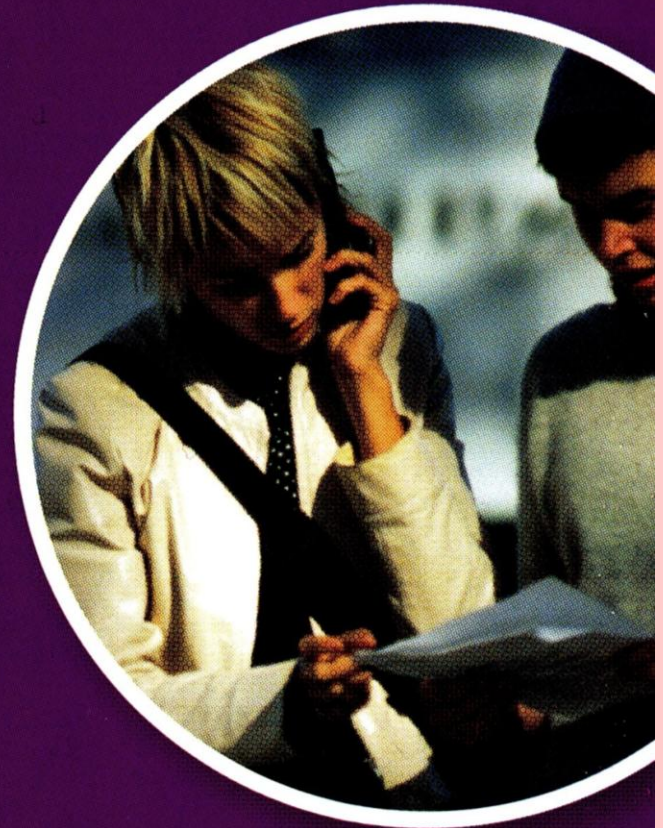
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The patient named below has been initiated on Zyprexa.

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Address _____

They have been prescribed the following formulation of Zyprexa:

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Yours sincerely,

