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Venlafaxine (Oral Route)

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Descriptions

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Venlafaxine is used to treat depression. It is also used to treat general anxiety disorder, social anxiety disorder, and panic disorder. Venlafaxine belongs to a group of medicines known as serotonin and norepinephrine reuptake inhibitors (SNRI). These medicines are thought to work by increasing the activity of a chemical called serotonin in the brain.



This medicine is available only with your doctor's prescription.



Once a medicine has been approved for marketing for a certain use, experience may show that it is also useful for other medical problems. Although this use is not included in product labeling, venlafaxine is used in certain patients with the following medical condition:

- Hot flashes or flushing.

This product is available in the following dosage forms:

- Capsule, Extended Release
- Tablet, Extended Release
- Tablet

Before Using

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