WHAT IS THIS DRUG USED FOR?
- To treat bipolar problems
- To treat schizophrenia
- May be given to your child for other reasons. Talk with the doctor.

GENERAL DRUG FACTS
- Tell all doctors, dentists, and surgeons that your child is using this drug
- Tell your doctor if your child has an allergy to this drug or any part of this drug
- Tell your doctor and pharmacist about all of your child’s drugs and before giving your child any new drug (prescription or OTC, natural products, vitamins)
- Storage:
  - Store at room temperature
  - Protect from light
  - Store in a dry place

HOW IS THIS DRUG BEST GIVEN?
- Give this drug as you have been told, even if your child feels well.
- To gain the most benefit, do not miss giving your child doses.
- Give this drug with or without food.
- Give a missed dose as soon as you think about it.
- If it is close to the time for your child’s next dose, skip the missed dose and go back to your child’s normal time.

WHAT SHOULD I KNOW OR DO WHILE MY CHILD TAKES THIS DRUG?
- Have your child’s blood sugar checked as you have been told by your child’s doctor. This drug can raise blood sugar.
- Have your child’s blood work checked often. Talk with your child’s doctor.
- Have your child avoid tasks or actions that call for alertness until you see how this drug affects your child. These are things like riding a bike, playing sports, or using items such as scissors, lawnmowers, electric scooters, or motorized vehicles.
- To lower the chance of feeling dizzy or passing out, have your child get up slowly over a few minutes when sitting or lying down. Have your child be extra careful climbing stairs.
- It may take several weeks to see the full effects.
- Alcohol may interact with this drug. Be sure your child does not drink alcohol.
- Talk with your doctor before you use other drugs and natural products that slow your actions.
- Have your child be careful in hot weather or while being active. Have your child drink lots of fluids to stop fluid loss.
- A very bad and sometimes deadly reaction has happened with this drug. Most of the time, it has signs like fever, rash, or swollen glands with problems in the body organs. Talk with the doctor.
- Low white blood cells have happened with drugs like this one. This may lead to a higher chance of getting an infection. Tell your doctor if you have ever had a low white blood cell count. Call your doctor right away if you have signs of infection like fever, chills, or sore throat.
WHAT ARE SIDE EFFECTS THAT I NEED TO CALL MY CHILD’S DOCTOR ABOUT RIGHT AWAY? RARE BUT SERIOUS

- Signs of an allergic reaction, like rash; hives; itching; red, swollen, blistered, or peeling skin with or without fever; wheezing; tightness in the chest or throat; trouble breathing or talking; or swelling of the mouth, face, lips, tongue, or throat
- Signs of high blood sugar like confusion, feeling sleepy, more thirsty, more hunger, passing urine more often, flushing, fast breathing, or breath that smells like fruit
- Signs of kidney problems like unable to pass urine, change in the amount of urine passed, blood in the urine, or a big weight gain.
- Signs of liver problems like dark urine, feeling tired, not hungry, upset stomach or stomach pain, light-colored stools, throwing up, or yellow skin or eyes.
- Signs of pancreas problem (pancreatitis) like very bad stomach pain, very bad back pain, or very bad upset stomach or throwing up.
- If your child is planning to harm him/herself
- Very bad dizziness or passing out
- Heartbeat that does not feel normal
- Change in the way your child acts
- Mood changes
- Call your child’s doctor right away if your child gets a painful erection (hard penis) or gets an erection that lasts for longer than 4 hours. If this is not treated right away, it may lead to lasting sexual problems.
- Some people who take this drug may get a very bad muscle problem called tardive dyskinesia. Muscle problems may also occur after short-term use with low doses. Call your child’s doctor right away if your child has trouble controlling body movements or if your child has muscle problems with his/her tongue, face, mouth, or jaw like tongue sticking out, puffing cheeks, mouth puckering, or chewing.

WHAT ARE SIDE EFFECTS THAT I NEED TO CALL MY CHILD’S DOCTOR ABOUT RIGHT AWAY?

- A very bad and sometimes deadly health problem called neuroleptic malignant syndrome (NMS) may happen. Call your child’s doctor right away if your child has any fever, muscle cramps or stiffness, dizziness, very bad headache, confusion, change in thinking, fast heartbeat, heartbeat that does not feel normal, or is sweating a lot.
- Shakiness, trouble moving around, or stiffness
- Trouble controlling body movements, twitching, change in balance, trouble swallowing or speaking
- Not able to focus
- Seizures
- Change in eyesight
- Shortness of breath and swelling in the arms or legs

WHAT ARE SOME SIDE EFFECTS OF THIS DRUG?

All drugs may cause side effects. Call your child’s doctor or get medical help if any of these side effects or any other side effects bother your child or do not go away.

- Feeling sleepy
- Dizziness
- Restlessness
- Feeling tired or weak
- Upset stomach or throwing up
- Anxiety
- Hard stools (constipation)
- Loose stools (diarrhea)
- Dry mouth
- Headache
- Cough
- Runny nose
- Weight gain

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION: