Medicine Safety and You
Venlafaxin or Effexor®

New Medication:
Venlafaxine

Brand name:
Effexor®

Use:
Treats anxiety, depression, obsessive compulsive disorder and post-traumatic stress disorder.

Possible side effects:

- Lightheadedness
- Nervousness
- Nausea or vomiting
- Dry mouth
- Constipation
- Changes in sexual ability or desire
- Inability to sleep

All medicines have the potential to produce effects other than the intended use of the medicine. The chance of experiencing a side effect depends on the medicine, how it is used, what other medicines a person is taking, and individual traits such as age, weight, and other diseases. Some people have no side effects, some mild, some severe.

If you experience any of these side effects, tell your doctor or nurse right away.
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Important Information:
- Do not change dose or stop medicine
- Avoid grapefruit and grapefruit juice
- Avoid Alcohol (wine, beer, liquor)
- Avoid natural products that slow reaction time
- Avoid sedatives, tranquilizers, mood stabilizers, antihistamines, and other pain medications