

You have just been prescribed Co-Careldopa plus Entacapone (other names include: Stalevo)...

Stalevo contains 3 active substances, Levodopa, Carbidopa and Entacapone. Levodopa is turned into dopamine in the body and transported through the blood to the brain, however dopamine alone does not easily pass through the blood-brain barrier. Levodopa is given with Carbidopa and Entacapone so that more dopamine is available to cross the blood–brain barrier more effectively.

How long until it works?

Hours, but it may take 4 to 8 weeks to receive the most benefit from a particular dose level when starting.

What are some of the side effects I can expect?

Dyskinesia, nausea or loss of appetite, wide variations in your blood pressure, insomnia, tired and dream abnormalities are some of the more commonly reported bad reactions.

Stalevo can cause serious or life-threatening side effects such as not being able to say no to performing an action that could be harmful that is gambling.

Please note that not all side effects are listed.

Read your product information leaflet when you receive your new medication.

What should I do if I experience any side effects?

As your body adjusts to your new medication, you may find that minor side effects go away themselves. However, **if symptoms remain or are severe and life-threatening please contact your specialist or general practitioner.**

Contact us:

Movement Disorders Hotline:

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