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# Struggling to Manage Your Symptoms of Schizophrenia?

**Clozapine May Be  
Right for You.**



Consider sharing this brochure with your doctor to talk more about if clozapine is right for you. This brochure does not replace that conversation.

If you are one of the **3 in 10** people with schizophrenia or a related condition who have tried two or more anti-psychotic medicines but still feel your symptoms are not improved, talk to your doctor about clozapine. **Clozapine is the only approved medicine that works when other medicines have not been helpful.** Clozapine is an effective and less costly medicine that may provide you with better control of your illness.

Before I started taking clozapine, I had racing thoughts and an acute psychosis. I was tormented 24 hours a day and could get no relief. **Within a few weeks of starting clozapine, I began to feel a kind of tranquility starting to set in.** My thought processes and thinking became more organized... **Clozapine has enabled me to lead a productive life.**

- Kirk, a clozapine patient

## Research shows that people who take clozapine\* may:

- Have reduced hallucinations and delusions.
- Live longer and feel better.
- Have fewer thoughts of suicide.
- Have reduced cravings for tobacco or other substances.
- Need fewer hospital stays.

\*over half of people who try this medicine have a positive response.

## Taking clozapine safely

To be sure your body is adjusting to clozapine safely, blood tests are done to check your risk of getting infections. Most people find that the improvement in symptoms is worth having the blood tests done. Tests are required:

- Every week for the first 6 months of treatment.
- Every other week for the next 6 months.
- At least every 4 weeks after the first year for as long as you are taking clozapine.



## For more information

If you have other questions, talk to your doctor to see if this treatment may be right for you.