

1. We are wanting to treat you for symptoms of schizophrenia.
2. We hope to decrease your hallucinations, voices, and improve your ability to get back to your normal routine.
3. Without this medication, your symptoms may continue or could worsen and result in a longer hospitalization.
4. Invega is the long-acting version of paliperidone which you have already been taking by mouth, but it is given by injection and does not have to be administered as often, which will lessen the chance of missing a dose. It is given by injection.
5. This will be the first injection you will receive. you will need to return for a second dose in about a week, and then the doses will be given every four weeks.
6. As you probably know, all medications may have side effects and it is no different with this one....
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  - a. Invega could cause orthostatic hypotension, risk for seizures, difficulty swallowing, slow or jerky movements or prolonged QT prolongation which is a change in the rhythm of your heart beats.
  - b. We do not anticipate any new side effects that you have not already experienced with the oral version you have been taking at home.
  - c. You should be aware of symptoms of Tardive Dyskinesia and alert your provider if you have symptoms of involuntary movements in your face or arms or legs. These may be repetitive movements such as blinking, grimacing, clicking your tongue, or lip smacking.
  - d. You should not get pregnant when using this medication. If you do become pregnant or desire to become pregnant, let your provider know so we can discontinue the medication.
8. Notify the staff immediately if any of these side effects occur.
9. You may withdraw consent for this medication at any time.
10. Do you have any questions or concerns?