

# Medication Template

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Medication: Zoloft      Sertraline

Expected

Pharmacological

Action:

a selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor. Zoloft helps correct the chemical imbalance of serotonin in the brain  
prevents reuptake of serotonin

## Chart Documentation

Zoloft 50mg  
take 1 PO at 7am with 25mg  
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## Therapeutic Uses

Use to treat depression, panic attacks, OCD, PTSD, social anxiety disorder + a severe form of premenstrual syndrome

## Nursing Interventions

Assess for suicidal tendencies  
Monitor appetite + nutritional intake  
Assess for serotonin syndrome  
Monitor mood changes  
Depression  
Suicidal tendencies  
Assess for OCD  
panic attacks

## Suicidal thoughts Adverse Effects

Common: drowsiness, tiredness, feeling anxious or agitated; indigestion, nausea, diarrhea  
loss of appetite, sweating, tremors or shaking  
Sleep problems (insomnia), decreased sex drive, impotence, or difficulty having orgasm.

## Contraindications

taking or within 14 days of stopping MAOIs because of an increased risk of serotonin syndrome  
• taking pimozide  
• with known hypersensitivity to sertraline

## Medication / Food Interactions

Alcohol  
St John's Wort

## Medication Administration

PO

## Client Education

take as directed  
watch for drowsiness / dizziness  
Watch for suicidal tendencies

## Medication Effectiveness

Increased sense of well being  
renew interest in surroundings  
Decreases panic, PTSD, anxiety