

## LOW-WEIGHT-GAIN ANTIPSYCHOTIC Side Effects:

Medications in this category: ARIPIPRAZOLE (Abilify), ASENAPINE (Saphris), BREXPIRAZOLE (Rexulti), CARIPRAZINE (Vraylar), LURASIDONE (Latuda), ZIPRASIDONE (Geodon)

Most common: sedation, dizziness, restlessness, tremor, stiffness, muscle spasms, mild weight gain (which can lead to high cholesterol, high blood pressure, diabetes, heart problems, strokes, etc.), rash (occurring commonly only with ziprasidone, ~5%)

Serious but rare: head rush or lightheadedness upon standing (orthostasis), neuroleptic malignant syndrome in 0.02 to 3% (potentially fatal syndrome with fever, severe muscle rigidity, high blood pressure), tardive dyskinesia in 2% (a syndrome of potentially irreversible, involuntary movements), strokes and higher mortality in elderly patients with dementia, ziprasidone more than others can cause heart arrhythmias 0.06%, ziprasidone more than others may cause a serious rash due to drug reaction with eosinophilia and systemic symptoms (DRESS) has been found in at least 6 patients, asenepine more than others may cause allergic reactions including anaphylaxis.

Pregnancy: Fewer data available, most showing no increased risk of birth defects. Maternal hyperglycemia, impaired glucose tolerance, and weight gain may lead to maternal complications. Large-for-gestational-age infants reported.

This is a simplified list of side effects focusing on what is common or severe because complete lists of more rare and less serious side effects are often overwhelming. If desired, complete lists of potential side effects can be found on reputable web sites like [Drugs.com](http://Drugs.com).