

## Pramipexole

Week 1	0.125 TID	0.375
Week 2	0.25 TID	0.75
Week 3	0.5 TID	1.5
Week 4	0.75 TID	2.25
Week 5	1.0 TID	3
Week 6	1.25 TID	3.75
Week 7	1.5 TID	4.5

## Side Effects

nausea

- usually goes away in a few weeks
- can be improved with another medication called domperidone

low blood pressure, especially with changes in position called *orthostatic hypotension*

- causes feeling lightheaded/dizzy or passing out
- can be improved with domperidone, florinef, midodrine
- can be improved by behavioural measures

increased sleepiness but in some patients can promote wakefulness

involuntary fidgeting, twisting, flinging, or jerking movements called *dyskinesias*

- usually only with high doses and at later stages of PD but can occur early in disease in some young patients
- typically when medication doses are peaking in the blood stream, approximately 1 hour after medication is taken
- rarely, can occur as medication dosage is increasing and/or decreasing in the blood stream before or after dose

confusion

- usually only with high doses and at later stages of PD

*visual hallucinations* – seeing things that aren't truly there

- usually only with high doses and later stages of PD

can cause compulsive behaviours such as gambling, shopping, hypersexuality, pre-occupation with video games, collecting items, etc.

\* not a complete list