

## Potential side effects associated with zaleplon (Sonata®)

**Incidence of side effects in longer-term (28 and 35 nights) placebo-controlled clinical trials of zaleplon 5mg or 10 mg**

Side effects*	Drug-placebo difference	Percentage of patients on zaleplon who reported it	Percentage of patients on placebo who reported it
Abdominal pain	3%	6%	3%
Eye pain	2%	4%	2%
Amnesia	1%	2%	1%
Tremors	1%	2%	1%

**Incidence of side effects in longer-term (28 and 35 nights) placebo-controlled clinical trials of zaleplon 20 mg**

Other side effects*	Drug-placebo difference	Percentage of patients on zaleplon who report it	Percentage of patients on placebo who report it
Abdominal pain	3%	6%	3%
Amnesia (impairment of memory)	3%	4%	1%
Dysmenorrhea (painful menstruation)	2%	4%	2%
Abnormal vision	>1%	2%	<1%
Anorexia (loss of appetite)	>1%	2%	<1%
Depersonalization (feeling unreal)	>1%	2%	<1%
Hypesthesia (sensitivity to touch)	>1%	2%	<1%
Hyperacusis (sensitivity to sound)	>1%	2%	<1%

Malaise	>1%	2%	<1%
Parosmia (abnormal smell)	>1%	2%	<1%
Tremor	1%	2%	1%

Adverse events that occurred during treatment with zaleplon are considered here to be side effects if they occurred at least twice as often as on placebo.

\* Occurred in at least 1% more patients on zaleplon than in those on placebo.

**For important information including about potentially serious adverse effects of this medication, please see <http://www.medlineplus.gov/>.**