

# **SIDE EFFECTS DURING THERAPY WITH FLUVOXAMINE: CASE REPORT**

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We present a case of side effects during therapy with fluvoxamine in a patient with diagnose of depressive disorder.

Patient, 57 years old, was treated under diagnose of depressive disorder during previous 15 years. The patient was hospitalized after attempt of suicide, which occurred after she decided to stop taking medications. Before that she had maprotiline in therapy (daily dosage 100 mg). She stopped taking medications because she was feeling well and she thought she didn't need medications any longer. One week before the beginning of hospital treatment the patient started to isolate herself from others, she became anxious and was feeling hopeless. She was in bed most of the time, and was rejecting food. She stopped going to work. She did not see any way out of this situation and tried to hang herself. Her brother stopped her from doing that. In the beginning of hospital treatment fluvoxamine was introduced in therapy (daily dosage 100 mg), along with diazepam (daily dosage 15 mg). During second day of hospital treatment, the patient felt nauseas and started vomiting. The therapy with fluvoxamine was discontinued and tianeptine was introduced in therapy (daily dosage 37,5 mg), along with diazepam (daily dosage 15 mg). After the change in therapy, nausea and vomiting stopped during the following two days. After ten days the patient's mood was improved and she denied having suicidal thoughts and intentions. Diazepam was gradually discontinued from therapy and the patient was taking tianeptine in therapy, along with zolpidem 10 mg in the evening. The necessity of taking medications continuously after improvement of mental condition was pointed. After discharge, the patient continued outpatient treatment.