

Considerations

Delayed Effect

Delayed-sign

Buspirone initially takes a week to take effect. The medication takes 2-4 weeks before responses peak and alleviate symptoms of anxiety. Due to its delayed therapeutic effect, buspirone is not recommended for PRN administration or patients requiring immediate relief of symptoms of anxiety.

Safer with Alcohol than Other Anxiolytics

No Interaction with Alcoholic-martini

Buspirone has a low abuse potential and is an appropriate anxiolytic option for individuals with a history of substance abuse. Unlike benzodiazepines and barbiturates, this drug does not carry severe reactions with alcohol. Some interaction is possible, with some patients reporting increased sedation or fatigue when these drugs are used concomitantly.

Low Side Effect Profile

No Interaction with CNS-brain

Buspirone targets serotonin receptors and does not depress the central nervous system, and therefore has no muscle relaxant or anticonvulsant effects. This drug can cause fatigue or drowsiness, however.

Low Abuse Potential

Missing Low Abuser

Buspirone is a drug of choice in the treatment of generalized anxiety disorder because the medication lacks physical dependence and tolerance. Buspirone's low abuse potential is appropriate for individuals with tendencies of alcohol or drug dependency.