



MetroHealth

The Benefits of Long-Acting Injectables



There are many reasons to change from taking a pill by mouth every day to an injection (a “shot”).

Here are just a few:

- You do not have to remember to take a pill every day
- The medication lasts in your body longer than with pills
- There may be fewer side effects than with pills
- You may have better control of your symptoms
- You may be hospitalized less often

The staff who does the injection for you gets to know you well because they see you often.

They can tell if your symptoms change and can refer you to your provider or the hospital, if needed.

How often do I have to receive the injection?

Depending on the type of medication, shots are given:

- Every 2 weeks
- Once per month
- Every 3 months
- Every 6 months

What ORAL medications are available as long-acting injectables?

- Haloperidol (Haldol)
- Fluphenazine (Prolixin)
- Risperidone (Risperdal)
- Paliperidone (Invega)
- Aripiprazole (Abilify)
- Olanzapine (Zyprexa)
- Buprenorphine/naloxone (Suboxone) for opioid use disorder
- Naltrexone (Vivitrol) for alcohol and opioid use disorder

Can I receive a long-acting injectable?

Your provider will decide if a long-acting injection is right for you.

Where do I go to get the long-acting injection?

- MetroHealth locations where you see your psychiatry provider
- Locations outside of MetroHealth where you see your psychiatry provider

A provider, nurse or pharmacist will give the injection.

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