

HOPE HEALTHCARE and HOSPICE

Caregiver tips for

LORAZEPAM



Lorazepam is ordered for hospice patients to help reduce emotional or physical symptoms such as:

- Agitation
- Anxiety
- Apprehension
- Insomnia
- Restlessness
- Shortness of breath

Lorazepam is given by mouth and can be swallowed or placed under the tongue or inside the cheek. The patient should notice an effect from the medication within 5 to 10 minutes. Lorazepam can cause interactions with other medicines; make sure to tell your doctor about any other medications you're taking. Most side effects should lessen after 2 to 3 days. If not, contact the HOPE Healthcare and Hospice office. The use of alcohol may worsen your side effects.

Side Effects may include:

- Constipation
- Diarrhea
- Dizziness
- Drowsiness
- Dry Mouth
- Nausea
- Tiredness
- Weakness

Questions or concerns about Lorazepam?

Call our hospice nurse at (337) 703-4674 or visit our website at www.hope-hospice.com.

