

## Information Sheet for Viagra (Sildenafil)



Your prescription has 6 tablets of Viagra 50 mg each. Viagra is available in three strengths 25mg, 50mg and 100 mg. The first time you try these take 1 x 50 mg tablet only. The tablet should be taken on an empty stomach, if you have had a large meal it may take a long time to absorb and you may not notice the effect for several hours. Usually on an empty stomach, the drug is effective in 1 hour.

Viagra works by increasing your normal sexual response and therefore do not expect that the erection will occur spontaneously and without stimulation.

Common side effects of Viagra are facial flushing, headache and transient visual disturbance of colour vision. You should not take a second Viagra tablet within 24 hours.

If the first dose is ineffective then try again with a single tablet on a second occasions. If this is again ineffective then on the third and subsequent occasions, try taking 2 x 50mg tablets together.

If it takes 2 x 50mg tablets to get a satisfactory response, the in future you should be prescribed Viagra 100mg tablets, as they are cheaper than 2 x 50mg tablets.

It is most important that you do not take any other medication with Viagra without discussing it first with a doctor. If you do require medical attention, then you must tell your medical attendant that you are taking Viagra.

### **Caution**

Some patients may be started on 100 mg tablets at the onset check with Mr Puri or Mr Tyson what is the strength of the tablets prescribed for you.