

Consumer Update

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Duloxetine may cause symptoms of sexual dysfunction

EDA performs label update to include the following:

Use of SNRIs, including CYMBALTA, may cause symptoms of sexual dysfunction. In male patients, SNRI use may result in ejaculatory delay or failure, decreased libido, and erectile dysfunction. In female patients, SNRI use may result in decreased libido and delayed or absent orgasm.

It is important for prescribers to inquire about sexual function prior to initiation of CYMBALTA and to inquire specifically about changes in sexual function during treatment, because sexual function may not be spontaneously reported. When evaluating changes in sexual function, obtaining a detailed history (including timing of symptom onset) is important because sexual symptoms may have other causes, including the underlying psychiatric disorder. Discuss potential management strategies to support patients in making informed decisions about treatment.

Background

is indicated for the treatment of:

- Major depressive disorder in adults
- Generalized anxiety disorder in adults and pediatric patients 7 years of age and older
- Diabetic peripheral neuropathic pain in adults
- Fibromyalgia in adults and pediatric patients 13 years of age and older
- Chronic musculoskeletal pain in adults

It has been shown to be superior to aspirin in reducing cardiovascular outcomes in patients with cardiovascular disease and provides additional benefit to patients with acute coronary syndromes already taking aspirin staying aware as a patient.

References: FDA ([Click here](#))