

# **New Drug** Xanomeline/Trospium (Cobenfy)



### Why it matters:

Schizophrenia has long been treated with antipsychotics that block dopamine and serotonin receptors. Xanomeline/trospium is the first muscarinic agonist/antagonist combo approved for schizophrenia.

#### What else to know:



Side effects of xanomeline/trospium were mostly GI-related (nausea, vomiting, constipation, etc) instead of the tardive dyskinesia and metabolic syndrome we normally see with older antipsychotics. Avoid use in patients with urinary retention and slowed gastric motility.

Manufacturer	Bristol Myers Squibb
FDA approved use	For treatment of schizophrenia in adult patients
FDA approval date	September 2024
Anticipated availability	Available now
Dosage and administration	<ul> <li>Starting dose: 50 mg/20 mg twice daily for at least 2 days</li> <li>Increase to 100 mg/20 mg twice daily for at least 5 days</li> <li>Max dose: 125 mg/30 mg twice daily</li> <li>Take on an empty stomach, 1 hour before or 2 hours after meals</li> </ul>
Storage requirements	Store at controlled room temperature, 20°C to 25°C (68°F to 77°F)

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