

# COMPLEX CHRONIC DISEASES PROGRAM Medication Handout

# Modafinil

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Medication: Modafinil 100 mg

## For:

Mental alertness and brain fog

## Watch for:

- False sense of increased energy leading to increased activity beyond your energy envelope
  - More post-exertional malaise
  - o "Crash and Burn"
- Increased anxiety
- Insomnia
- Increased heart rate or palpitations
- Increased blood pressure
- Dizziness
- Headaches

#### Benefit:

You will notice a benefit within the first couple of days if it is going to work for you

# Stopping:

No need to taper off when discontinuing

## **Dosing Schedule:**

- Start with 50 100 mg daily (1/2 to 1 tablet)
- · Take in the morning
  - o The later in that day that you take it, the more likely it is to cause insomnia
- Can be used regularly or as needed
- The dose can be increased as needed by 50 mg (1/2 tablet) increments
- Maximum 200 mg daily

## Over the counter and herbal interactions:

- St John's Wort
- Avoid alcohol at same time