

Drug Info

TOPIRAMATE ORAL (TOPAMAX)

BEFORE USING THIS MEDICINE:

- * Inform your Doctor or Pharmacist if you are allergic to any prescription or non-prescription medicine; taking other medicines or have other medical problems; pregnant, planning a pregnancy, or breastfeeding.
- * Check with your Doctor, Pharmacists, or Nurse if information in this leaflet causes you special concern or if you want additional information about your medicine and its use.
- * Inform your doctor if you have any of these conditions : GLAUCOMA; VISUAL PROBLEMS; LIVER PROBLEMS; KIDNEY DISEASE.

COMMON USE FOR THIS MEDICINE:

- 1- As an adjunctive therapy in the treatment of EPILEPSY
 - 2- For Prophylaxis against MIGRAINE HEADACHE
 - 3- For the treatment of GENERALIZED CONVULSIVE EPILEPSY (GRAND MAL)
 - 4- For the treatment of PARTIAL SEIZURES (CONSCIOUSNESS NOT IMPAIRED)
 - 5- For the treatment of PARTIAL SEIZURES (CONSCIOUSNESS IMPAIRED)
- It may also be used to treat other conditions as determined by your doctor

HOW TO USE THIS MEDICINE:

- Use this medicine exactly as directed on the label, unless instructed differently by your doctor
- * Swallow TABLETS whole; DO NOT cut, crush or chew. Take with plenty of water or other appropriate fluids.
 - * Drink several glasses of WATER during the day, unless otherwise directed by your doctor.
 - * If you have problem swallowing, capsules can be opened and the granules inside can be sprinkled on applesauce and swallowed (not chewed) immediately.
 - * Patient should read specific "PATIENT INFORMATION" provided with this medicine before starting treatment and each time their prescription is renewed.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU MISS A DOSE:

Take when remembered unless time for next dose. No double doses.

HOW TO STORE THIS MEDICINE:

Keep in original closed container in a dark, cool, and dry place away from children. Discard unneeded medicine.

CALL YOUR DOCTOR IMMEDIATELY IF YOU EXPERIENCE:

Burning pain, tingling, or numbness; Visual disturbances; Blurred vision; Eye pain; Chest pain; Decreased sweating; Urinary calculus (kidney stones).

OTHER SIDE EFFECTS:

Dizziness; Nausea; Sleepiness; Decreased appetite; Confusion; Depression; Nervousness; Feeling uncoordinated; Shakiness; Weight loss; Diarrhea; Stomach discomfort or pain; Jitteriness; Muscle weakness; Back pain; Speech difficulty; Constipation; Dry mouth; Indigestion; Euphoria; Flu-like symptoms; Skin rash; Menstrual irregularities; Swollen tongue; Increased thirst.

If symptoms are mild but do not go away or are bothersome, check with your doctor. IF ANY OF THE ABOVE SIDE EFFECTS IS SEVERE, CALL YOUR DOCTOR IMMEDIATELY.

PRECAUTIONS AND WARNINGS:

- * Safety of use during pregnancy has not been established. This medicine SHOULD NOT BE USED DURING PREGNANCY unless benefit justifies potential risk to the fetus. CALL YOUR DOCTOR.
- * This medicine may cause drowsiness, dizziness, or blurred vision. DO NOT drive or operate machines until you know how you react to this medicine.
- * AVOID concurrent use of alcohol or other CNS depressants as it may intensify the drowsiness, dizziness, or lightheadedness effect of this medicine.
- * The effect of BIRTH CONTROL pills may be decreased while taking this medicine. To prevent pregnancy, use an additional form

of birth control.

* This medication may reduce your ability to sweat and make you more susceptible to heat stroke. Use caution in hot weather.

* Patients, especially children, should be monitored for symptoms of decreased sweating and increased body temperature, especially in hot weather.

* Seek immediate medical attention if you experience blurred vision or pain in or around the eye.

* When discontinuing treatment, gradual dose reduction rather than abrupt cessation is recommended.

* This medicine may cause increased sensitivity to the sun. You should AVOID prolonged or excessive exposure to direct and/or artificial sunlight.

* SPECIAL POPULATIONS:

* Patients with Renal Impairment: A lower dose is recommended.

* Patients undergoing Hemodialysis: A supplemental dose may be required

* Race: Pharmacokinetic difference due to race have not been determined.

* Gender: The effect of gender on the pharmacokinetics of this medicine has not been determined.

* GERIATRIC: No dose adjustment is needed based on age.

* Patients with Hepatic Impairment: A lower dose is recommended.