

PATIENT INFORMATION

Lamotrigin Actavis

For treatment of epilepsy



Important information!

If you suffer from skin rash, fever, facial swelling or influenza-like symptoms when you start treatment with Lamotrigin Actavis, it is important that you contact your doctor immediately, as these symptoms in rare cases, may be indicators of side effects. For more information, see the patient information leaflet inside the package.

How to use Lamotrigin Actavis

Always take Lamotrigin Actavis as instructed by your doctor. If you are not sure, you must seek the advice of your doctor or staff at your pharmacy. Treatment normally begins with a low dose which may later be increased gradually.

It may take some time to find the dose that is best for you. The tablets must be taken whole at the same time(s) of the day. Lamotrigin Actavis can be taken with or without food. If you are taking dispersible (soluble) tablets, you can swallow them whole with a little water, chew them or dissolve them in water.

Always take the full dose prescribed by your doctor. Never take just a part of a tablet.



How long should the treatment continue?

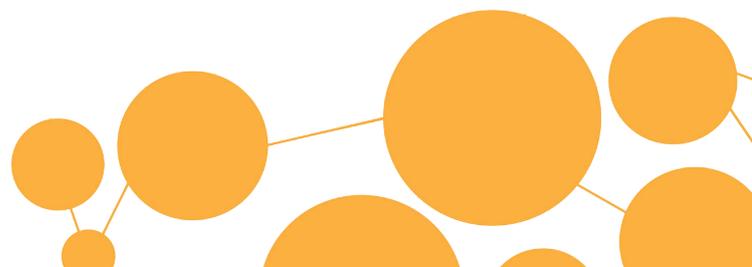
Your doctor will decide together with you how long your treatment should continue. It is important that you do not stop your treatment without contacting your doctor. An abrupt stop to treatment with Lamotrigin Actavis may lead to a risk of an increase in the number of seizures. If, for any reason, your treatment is stopped, the dose should be reduced gradually as indicated on the prescription that you receive from your doctor.

What should I do if I have taken too much Lamotrigin Actavis?

If you have taken too much Lamotrigin Actavis, or if a child has taken the medicine by mistake, you must immediately contact a doctor, hospital staff, pharmacy staff or the Poison Information Centre (dial 112) for risks assessment and advice.

What should I do if I forget to take my medicine?

Do not take extra tablets to compensate a forgotten dose. If you have forgotten to take your medication, ask your doctor how you should resume. This is very important if any length of time has passed since your last dose.





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What are the most common side effects?

Like other medications, Lamotrigin Actavis may cause side effects, but not all people taking it will necessarily suffer from them. Side effects which are “*very common*” and occur in more than 1 in 10 patients include skin rash, headache, dizziness, sleepiness or drowsiness, lack of coordination or blurred vision. These side effects can often be avoided by gradually increasing the medication.

More information on side effects can be found in the patient information leaflet inside the package.

Can I take other medicines?

The effect of Lamotrigin Actavis may change and there may be increased risk of side effects if you take certain other medicines at the same time. A list of these is available in the patient information leaflet inside the package.

Always tell your doctor if you are taking or have recently taken any other medicines. This includes over-the-counter medication and natural remedies.

Can I drive?

Lamotrigin Actavis may cause dizziness and double vision. Therefore, do not drive a vehicle or operate machinery if you do not feel well. You are responsible for determining whether you are in a condition to operate a motor vehicle or perform work requiring you to be very alert. However, remember that when you have epilepsy, you are only allowed to drive a car when you have gone one full year with no seizures.



Pregnancy and breastfeeding

The foetus may be affected by your treatment with Lamotrigin Actavis. Therefore, always ask your doctor for advice if you are pregnant or planning to become pregnant while receiving treatment. If you fall pregnant, do not stop the treatment without first seeking the advice of your doctor.

The level of Lamotrigin Actavis in the blood may alter during pregnancy. Your doctor will therefore need to take regular blood tests in order to check your Lamotrigin Actavis levels so that your dose can be altered if necessary.

Lamotrigin Actavis is excreted in breast milk but the majority of women can continue breastfeeding their babies. Discuss risks and advantages of breastfeeding with your doctor.



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Can I drink alcohol?

There are no particular restrictions concerning alcohol intake beyond a general recommendation to be wary of excessive alcohol intake, particularly if you suffer from epilepsy.

