PATIENT INFORMATION LEAFLET
Gabapentin 100mg, 300mg and 400mg Capsules

Read all of this leaflet carefully before you start taking this medicine because it contains important information for you.

• Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.
• If you have any further questions, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

You have been prescribed Gabapentin Capsules.

1. What Gabapentin Capsules Are and Why They Are Used

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2. What You Need to Know Before You Take Gabapentin Capsules

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• You are allergic. Hypersensitivity to gabapentin or any of the other ingredients of Gabapentin Capsules.

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4. POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS

Like all medicines Gabapentin Capsules can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them. Contact your doctor immediately if you experience any of the following symptoms after taking this medicine as they can be serious:

Gabapentin Capsules may cause a serious or life-threatening allergic reaction that may affect your skin or other parts of your body such as your eyes or blood cells. You may or may not have a rash when you get this type of reaction. It may go away if you are hospitalised or to stop Gabapentin Capsules.

Call your doctor right away if you have any of the following symptoms:

- fever
- hives
- skin rash
- unusual bruising or bleeding

These symptoms may be the first signs of a serious reaction. A doctor should examine you to decide if you should continue taking Gabapentin Capsules.

Very common: may affect more than 1 in 10 people

- Feeling dizzy, dizziness, lack of coordination
- Swelling in the legs and feet
- Inflammation of the ear
- Inflammation of the skin

Common: may affect up to 1 in 10 people

- Nausea
- Constipation
- Headache
- Dizziness, lack of concentration
- Abnormal urination
- Reduced appetite
- Nervousness
- Difficulty with thinking
- Changes in behaviour and jerky movements were reported
- Aggressive behaviour and jerky movements were reported
- Acute kidney failure

Rare: may affect up to 1 in 1,000 people

- Hallucinations
- Decreased platelets
- Acute kidney failure
- Increased, decreased or absent reflexes
- Generalised tonic-clonic convulsions
- Seizure
- Difficulties with abnormal coordination, unusual eye movement, increased, decreased or absent reflexes
- Bluish vision, double vision
- Vertigo
- High blood pressure, flushing or dilation of blood vessels

Rare: may affect up to 1 in 100 people

- Feeling tired, fever
- Viral infection
- Inflammation of the tongue
- Swelling of the lips and tongue
- Swelling of the face, lips, tongue
- Swelling of the face, tongue
- Severe muscle pain
- Inflammation of the ear
- Inflammation of the skin

Very common: may affect more than 1 in 10 people

- Feeling tired
- Feeling unwell
- Fever
- Cough

5. HOW TO STORE GABAPENTIN CAPSULES

Keep out of the reach and sight of children. Do not use Gabapentin Capsules after the expiry date which is stated on the carton. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.

You should store your medicine below 25°C. Store in the original package.

Medicines should not be disposed of via wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to dispose of medicines no longer required. These measures will help to protect the environment.

6. CONTENTS OF THE PACK AND OTHER INFORMATION

What Gabapentin Capsules contain:

- The active substance is gabapentin.
- The capsules, hard contain either 100mg, 300mg or 400mg gabapentin.
- The other ingredients in Gabapentin Capsules are lactose monohydrate, talc, maize starch, gelatin, titanium dioxide (E171), yellow iron oxide (E172) (300mg capsules only) and red iron oxide (E172) (400mg capsules only).
- The capsule printing ink contains shellac, titanium dioxide (E171) and FD&C Blue 1 or Brilliant Blue FC (E133).

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What Gabapentin Capsules look like and the contents of the pack

100mg: white, gelatin capsules marked with GA100 and the number of capsules stated on the carton.
300mg: yellow, gelatin capsules marked with GA300 and the number of capsules stated on the carton.
400mg: orange, gelatin capsules marked with GA400 and the number of capsules stated on the carton.

Gabapentin Capsules are available in transparent blister packs of 20, 50, 100 and 200 capsules, although not all pack sizes may be marketed.

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Unit 2, Eastman Way, Stevenage, Hertfordshire SG1 4SZ, United Kingdom

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