# **NEURAN CAPSULE**

Gabapentin (300mg)

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#### What Neuran is used for

Neuran is used:

- as an additional therapy in the treatment of partial seizure (occurs in a limited area of the brain) with or without secondary generalization (affect the whole brain) in adults and children aged 3 years and above.
- to treat neuropathic pain (pain caused by nerve damage) which includes diabetic neuropathy (nerve damage from diabetes), post-herpetic neuralgia (nerve pain at the site of a previous attack of shingles) and trigeminal neuralgia (facial pain) in adults age 18 years and above.

#### How Neuran works

This medicine belongs to a group of medicines called anti-convulsants. It is said to work by controlling brain chemicals which send signals to nerves to help control seizures or neuropathic pain.

# Before you use Neuran

- When you must not use it

Do not take this medicine if:

- you are allergic to Neuran or any of its excipients
- your child has epilepsy and is under 3 years old
- your child has neuropathic pain and is younger than 18 years old.

# - Before you start to use it

Tell your doctor if:

 you have allergies to any other medicines or any other anti-

- convulsant medicines, foods, preservatives or dyes.
- you have kidney problems
- you have absence seizures (a short period of "blanking out" or staring into space).
- you are pregnant or plan to become pregnant or you become pregnant while you are taking gabapentin.
- you are breastfeeding or plan to breastfeed. Gabapentin is excreted in breast milk.

If you have kidney problems, nervous system disorders, respiratory disorders or you are more than 65 years old, your doctor may prescribe a different dosing regimen.

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking or have been recently taking any medicines for convulsions, sleeping disorders, depression, anxiety, or any other neurological or psychiatric problems.

# - Taking other medicines

Talk to your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking any other medicines in any form including any that you buy or obtained without a prescription.

Some medicines interfere with Neuran. They include:

- morphine
- antacids, medicines containing aluminium and magnesium
- cimetidine

Other interactions not stated may occur. Talk to your doctor or pharmacist if you have any other concerns.

#### How to use Neuran

- How much to use

Adults and Children above 12 Years of Age:

900 to 3600 mg/day in 3 divided doses.

Children aged 3-12 Years: Starting dose should range from 10 to 15 mg/kg/day.

Adults with neuropathic pain: 900mg to 3600mg/day

Patients with impaired renal function: Dosage adjustment is recommended.

Your doctor may recommend that you start with a low dose of Neuran and slowly increase the dose to the lowest amount needed to control your seizure or neuropathic pain.

Swallow the capsule with a full glass of water.

#### - When to use it

This medicine can be taken with or without food.

If you are taking this medicine 3 times a day, do not allow more than 12 hours between doses.

#### - How long to use it

Take it as long as it is prescribed by your doctor.

#### - If you forget to use it

Do not take double dose to make up for a forgotten dose.

If you forget to take your dose, take it as soon as you remember. Skip the missed dose if it is almost time for your next dose.

# - If you use too much (overdose)

Contact your doctor immediately as soon as you realize you have taken too much.

You may experience the following if you take more than you should:

- dizziness
- slurred speech
- double vision
- drowsiness
- lethargy (unusually tired/weak)
- mild diarrhoea

# While you are using Neuran

- Things you must do

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Tell any other doctors, dentists and pharmacists who are treating you that you are taking this medicine.

Remind your doctor or pharmacist that you are taking this medicine if you are starting a different medicine.

# Tell your doctor if:

- you have any suicide thoughts or self-harm, any unusual changes in mood or behaviour, or show signs of depression
- you become pregnant

# - Things you must not do

Do not give this medicine to anyone else, even if their symptoms seem similar to yours.

Do not take your medicine to treat any other complaints unless you are told by your doctor or pharmacist.

Do not stop taking the medicine or change the dosage on your own before asking your doctor.

# - Things to be careful of

Gabapentin may impair your ability to drive a car or operate potentially dangerous machinery. Until it is known that this medication does not affect your ability to engage in these activities, do not drive a car or operate potentially dangerous machinery.

#### **Side effects**

All medicines can cause unwanted side effects. These effects can be serious but most of the time, they are mild and temporary.

Tell your doctor immediately if you think you are experiencing any of the following possible unwanted side effects while taking the medicine.

# More frequent side effects:

- muscle pain
- clumsiness and unsteadiness

- continuous, uncontrolled, backand-forth and/or rolling eye movements
- dizziness, fatigue
- peripheral oedema (swelling of hands, feet/lower legs)
- drowsiness
- tremors
- vision abnormalities eg. blurred vision and double vision.

#### Less frequent side effects:

- loss of memory
- depression
- irritability or other mood / mental changes.

# Less frequent or rare side effects:

- weakness or loss of strength
- backpain
- dry mouth/throat
- slurred speech
- frequent urination
- stomach/intestinal effects eg. constipation, diarrhoea, indigestion
- nausea and vomiting
- headache
- low blood pressure
- decrease in sexual desire/ability
- trouble sleeping
- runny nose
- ringing in ears
- trouble in thinking
- twitching
- weight gain.

#### Rare side effects:

- leucopenia (reduced number of white blood cells)
- lower back pain/side pain
- painful or difficult urination.

# Post-marketing experience:

dysphagia

Contact your doctor immediately or go to the Emergency Department of your nearest hospital if you experience breathing problems such as slow, shallow or weak breathing after taking this medicine as this can be a sign of respiratory depression.

Other unwanted side effects not listed may occur. Tell your doctor immediately.

You may report any side effects or adverse drug reactions directly to the National Centre for Adverse Drug Reaction monitoring by visiting the website <a href="mailto:portal.bpfk.gov.my">portal.bpfk.gov.my</a> (Consumers—Reporting)

# Storage and disposal of Neuran

- Storage

Keep out of reach of children.

Store below 30°C. Protect from moisture.

#### - Disposal

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.

#### **Product description**

# - What it looks like

Neuran is a light yellow opaque / light yellow opaque with 'GP300' printed on one end and 'hovid' on the other end of the size 1 capsule filled with white to off-white powder.

# - Ingredients

- Active ingredients Each capsule contains: Gabepentin 300 mg
- Inactive ingredients
  Sodium starch glycolate
  Lactose monohydrate DC
  Magnesium stearate
  Talc

# - <u>MAL Number</u> MAL10110035A

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