



# Pregabalin

Information for patients

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## Read this medicine fact sheet to learn about:

- What this medicine is
- Why you need to take it
- What side effects to watch for

## What is the name of my medicine?

Pregabalin (pronounced pre - GAB - a - lin)

## Other names for this medicine:

GD-Pregabalin	RAN™-Pregabalin
Lyrica®	Riva-Pregabalin
PMS-Pregabalin	Teva-Pregabalin

## Why do I need to take this medicine?

- To stop or control seizures.
- To treat painful nerve diseases.
- To treat fibromyalgia.

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## How do I take this medicine?

- Take this medicine exactly as you have been told by your doctor. It must be taken regularly, even if you feel well.
- Take it with food if it upsets your stomach.
- Do not stop taking this medicine without talking to your doctor first. You and your doctor may talk about how to slowly decrease the amount you take.

**Tell your doctor if you have any allergies.**

## What are the side effects of this medicine?

- Dizziness
- Change in balance
- Weight gain
- Muscle pain
- Feeling lightheaded, sleepy, having blurred eyesight, or a change in thinking clearly
- Swelling in your legs or belly
- Headache
- Shakiness
- Dry mouth
- Emotional ups and downs
- Upset stomach or throwing up

## Call your doctor right away if you notice:

- **Signs of an allergic reaction:** rash, hives, itching, red, swollen, blistered, or peeling skin with or without fever, wheezing, tightness in the chest or throat, trouble breathing or talking, or swelling of the mouth, face, lips, tongue or throat
- Very bad muscle pain, back pain, soreness, or weakness
- Side effect that is not better or you are feeling worse

**Call your doctor or go to your local emergency room if you think there has been an overdose.**

### **What should I do if I miss a dose?**

- Take a missed dose as soon as you think about it.
- If it is close to the time for your next dose, skip the missed dose and go back to your normal time.
- Do not take 2 doses at the same time or extra doses.

### **Who do I talk to if I have a problem or question?**

This pamphlet does not cover all of the side effects that may happen. Please contact a pharmacist or other health care professionals if you have any questions about this medicine or the side effects.

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