

A medication information leaflet for paediatric patients

LEVETIRACETAM

Other names: Levetiracetam-Rex[®], Keppra[®]



Important note: The following information is intended to add to, not replace, the knowledge and judgment of your doctor, pharmacist or other health care professional.

The name of your child's medication is: Levetiracetam

Why is your child taking this medication?

Levetiracetam is used for controlling some forms of seizures (fits). It works by reducing the activity in the brain. It can be used alone or in combination with other antiepileptic medicines.

When to give this medicine to your child

- Give exactly as directed by your doctor or pharmacist, never give more than the prescribed dose.
- Give levetiracetam at the same time(s) every day. Marking a calendar may be a helpful reminder.
- Ensure you always have a supply of medicine on hand.

DO NOT STOP giving levetiracetam without your doctor's permission.

What should you do if your child misses a dose

Give the dose as soon as possible except when it is close to the time for the next dose. If it is almost time for the next dose, skip the missed dose and return to the regular dosing schedule. You should not give two doses at the same time.

What should you do if your child vomits after a dose

If the vomiting occurs less than 15 minutes after the medicine is given, give the entire dose again. If more than 15 minutes have passed, do not give it again until the next scheduled dose.

Side effects

Unfortunately as well as having good effects, most medicines have some effects on the body that are unwanted. These are called *side effects*.

Call your doctor or speak to your pharmacist **immediately** if your child has any of these side effects:

- any change in seizure pattern
- unusual bleeding or bruising

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if your child has these side effects:

- nausea
- dizziness
- feeling weak
- blurred vision
- common cold and upper respiratory tract infections
- feeling tired, drowsy or sleepy
- behaviour changes or mood changes such as anxiety, irritability, mood swings, confusion, depression, nervousness, anger, aggression

The list of side effects is **not** complete. Tell your doctor or pharmacist if any of these side effects worry you.

Other Medication

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if your child is taking any other medicine including herbal or complementary products and medicines you can buy without a prescription.

Storage

Keep all medicines out of the reach of children.

Read this leaflet and discuss any questions you have about your medicines with your doctor or pharmacist.