

Lacosamide

Usage

Lacosamide is an anti convulsant used to control seizures/fits. It is used with other medicines particularly to treat partial seizures in children/teenagers with epilepsy.

It must be prescribed by a doctor. You should never give your child anyone else's medications. Lacosamide has a fairly good safety profile.

Side Effects

All medications have side effects. Not everyone will experience side effects. Below are some of the possible side effects your child may experience:

- **Dizziness** - this is one of the main side effects
- **Impaired coordination**
- **Memory impairment**
- **Blurred vision, double vision**
- **Drowsiness or lethargy**
- **Pruritus (itchy skin)**
- **Headache**
- **Nausea, vomiting, constipation**

Other possible side effects

- Mood changes: anxiety, depression
- Irritability
- Tics
- Palpitations
- Irregular heart beat
- Weight loss due to nausea and vomiting
- Dyspepsia
- Dry mouth

Can other medications be given with Lacosamide?

Your Doctor will check and make sure that other drugs your child is taking are compatible with Lacosamide. There are some drugs such as Carbamazepine and Phenytoin that should be used with caution.

Tell your doctor if your child has a heart problem. An ECG may need to be done.

Epilepsy and Pregnancy

If a pregnancy is planned, a discussion with your neurologist is recommended.

Any issues related to child bearing please refer to the PENNSW website:
www.PENNSW.com.au.

What else do I need to Know?

If you have any questions please ask your doctor.

Monitoring and medication levels

There is no need to do regular blood monitoring with Lacosamide.

Some doctors may want to do a base-line ECG before starting the medication. This is to ensure there are no prior problems with the electrical conduction of the heart.