

A medication information leaflet for paediatric patients

TOPIRAMATE

Other names: Topamax®, Apo-Topiramate®, Arrow Topiramate®



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: Topiramate

Why is your child taking this medicine?

Topiramate is used to control and prevent certain types of seizures (fits) or to prevent migraine.

When to give this medicine to your child

- Give exactly as directed by your doctor or pharmacist, never give more than the prescribed dose.
- Make sure that your child drinks plenty of fluid while on topiramate.
- Give topiramate at the same time(s) every day. Marking a calendar may be a helpful reminder.
- Topiramate tablets should be swallowed whole with plenty of water or juice. Your child should not chew the tablets.
- Topiramate sprinkle capsules can be swallowed whole or can be opened carefully and the granules sprinkled on to a small amount of soft food (such as apple sauce, yogurt). Once the medicine is mixed with food, it should be swallowed without chewing as soon as possible.
- Ensure you always have a supply of medicine on hand.

DO NOT STOP giving topiramate 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:

- a change in seizure pattern
- back pain with bloody urine
- difficulty seeing
- difficulty speaking
- trouble breathing
- itchy skin, hives
- swelling of the lips or tongue

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

- dizziness or drowsiness
- difficulty concentrating
- confusion
- nausea, stomach pain, diarrhoea
- tiredness
- headache
- tremor or tingling
- loss of appetite or weight loss

The list of side effects is **not** complete. Tell your doctor or pharmacist if any side effect is of a concern to you.

Other Medication

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if your child is taking any other medicines 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.