

Carbamazepine

Mood stabilizer/anti-epileptic



Your medication

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What is this leaflet for?

This leaflet is to help you understand more about your medicine.

Your medicine could look different to the pictures on this leaflet.

Carbamazepine is also called Tegretol.

It is available as tablets and liquid.



What is Carbamazepine used for?

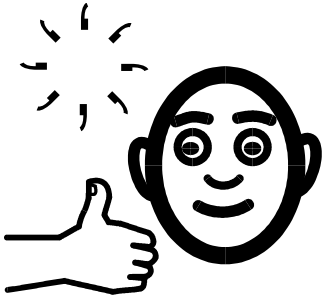
Carbamazepine is commonly used for epilepsy and manic depression.

It is also used in:

- People having difficult behaviours
- People feeling tense or angry



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What will Carbamazepine do?

Carbamazepine will help to control your fits.

It will help you feel calm and relaxed.

It could take some time for Carbamazepine to have its full effect.



What are the side effects of Carbamazepine?

Side effects are the unwanted effects of any medicine on the body.

Not everyone taking a medicine will get side effects.

Many side effects will go away with time. But some side effects may last for longer.

Some side effects can be serious.

You should tell your doctor if you have any side effect.

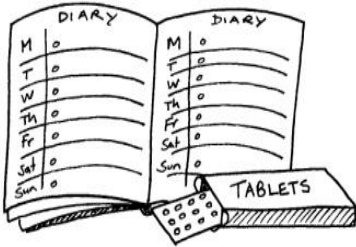
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Side effects of Carbamazepine are:

- feeling unsteady on feet
- feeling confused
- feeling sick
- having bruises without any reason or bleed easily
- having a rash on skin
- feeling sleepy or tired
- having double vision
- having constipation or loose stool
- sometimes it can worsen your mood

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How and when do I take Carbamazepine?

The label on your Carbamazepine packet should tell you when and how much to take.



If you forget to take your medicine

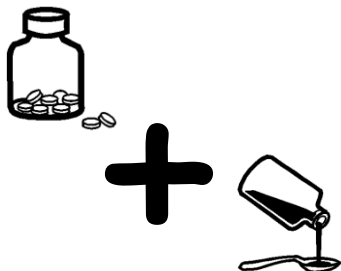
Tell your carer or doctor straight away.



When to stop taking your Carbamazepine

You should carry on taking your medicine unless your doctor asks you to stop.

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Some medicines do not work well together.

You should tell your doctor about any other medicines you are taking.



What else do I need to know about Carbamazepine?

Drinking alcohol while on Carbamazepine could make you feel sleepy.



Doctors comments

Help and support



Your doctor:
Telephone Number:

Your Psychiatrist:
Telephone Number:



Your Community Nurse:
Telephone Number:

Other professionals involved:

Other resources:

Patient UK
The same health information as provided
by GPs to patients during consultations

www.patient.co.uk

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0845
Direct 4647



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