

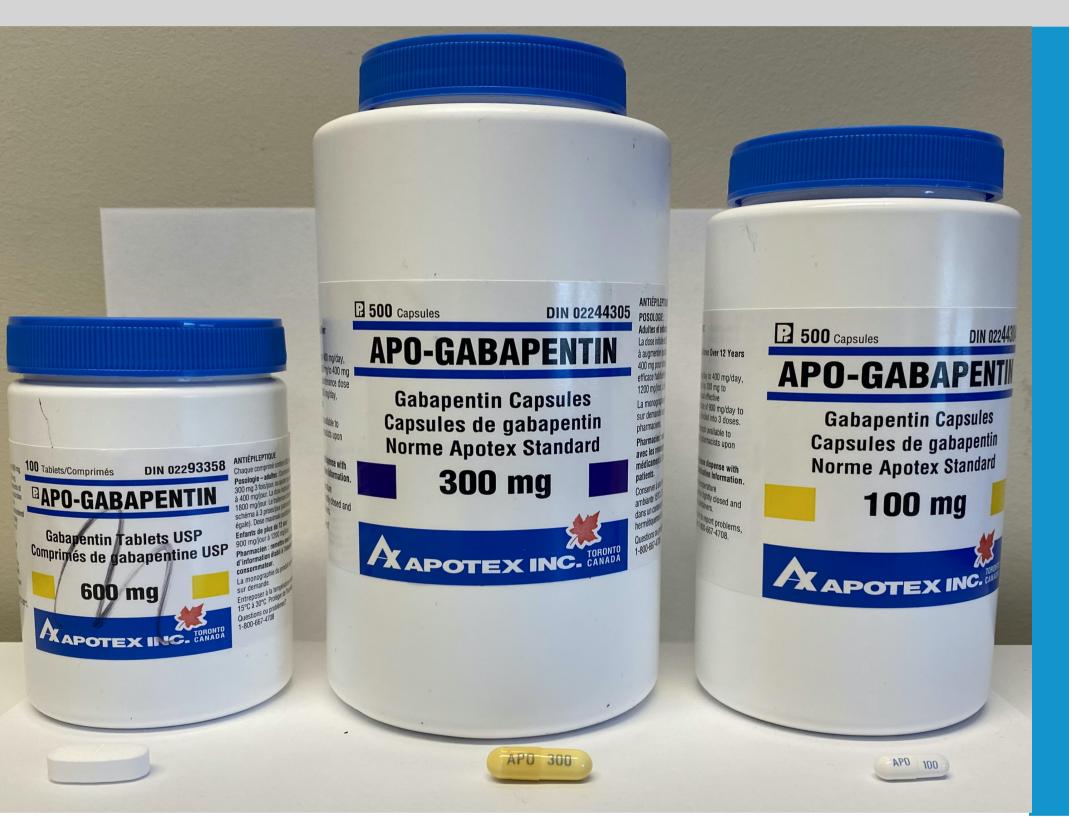
Gabapentin

Neurontin

What is this drug used for?



To relieve your pain It may be prescribed to you for other reasons. Talk with your doctor.



Warning!

- Patients who take this drug may be at a greater risk of having thoughts or actions of suicide. Call your doctor right away if any thoughts or actions of suicide occur.
- Call your doctor right away if signs like low mood (depression), nervousness, restlessness, grouchiness, panic attacks, or changes in mood or actions are new or worse.

What do I need to tell my doctor BEFORE I take this drug?



If you have an allergy to gabapentin or any other part of this drug, or if you have any allergies in general.



If you have kidney disease or are on dialysis.



Tell your doctor if you are pregnant, plan on getting pregnant, or if you're

breast-feeding.

This is not a list of all drugs or health problems that interact with this drug.

What are some things I need to know or do while I take this drug?

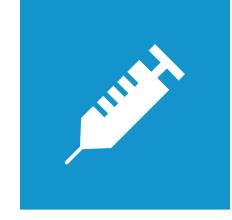
- Tell all of your health care providers that you take this drug.
 - This includes your doctors, nurses, pharmacists, and dentists.
- Avoid driving and doing other tasks or actions that call for you to be alert until you see how this drug affects you.
- A very bad and sometimes deadly reaction has happened with this drug.

Most of the time, this reaction has signs like fever, rash, or swollen glands with problems in body organs like the liver, kidney, blood, heart, muscles and joints, or lungs.

O not stop taking this drug all of a sudden without calling your doctor.

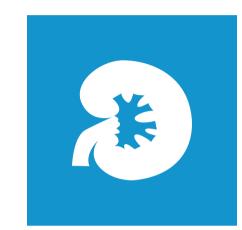
- This drug is not the same as gabapentin enacarbil (Horizant™). Do not use in its place.
- Talk with your doctor before you drink alcohol or use other drugs and natural products that slow your actions.
- This drug may affect certain lab tests. Tell all of your health care providers and lab workers that you take this drug.
- Have blood work checked as you have been told by the doctor.
- If you are 65 or older, use this drug with care.

What are some side effects that I need to call my doctor about right away?



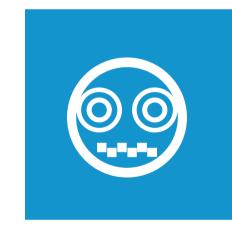
Signs of an allergic reaction

Rash; hives: itching; red, swollen, blistered, or peeling skin with or without fever; wheezing; tightness in the chest or throat; trouble breathing or talking; unusual hoarseness; or swelling of the mouth, face, lips, tongue, or throat.



Signs of kidney problems.

Like unable to pass urine, change in how much urine is passed, blood in the urine, or a big weight gain.



Very bad dizziness or passing out.



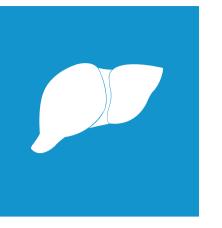
Change in eyesight.

Not able to control eye movements.



Not able to focus.

Trouble speaking, memory problems or loss.



Signs of liver problems.

Like dark urine, feeling tired, not hungry, upset stomach or stomach pain, light-colored stools, throwing up, or yellow skin or eyes.



Any unexplained bruising or bleeding.



Feeling very tired, weak, or confused.



Worsening seizures.



Change in balance.

Muscle pain or weakness, shakiness, or twitching.



Fever, chills, or sore throat.

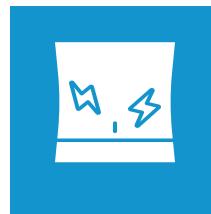
Any of the following:

Shortness of breath, a big weight gain, swelling in the arms or legs, or swollen glands.

What are some <u>common</u> side effects?



Dry mouth.



Loose stools (diarrhea).



Feeling tired, weak, or dizzy.



Upset stomach or throwing up.



Weight gain.



Sleepiness or drowsiness.

Call your doctor or get medical help if any of these side effects or any other side effects bother you or do not go away

How is this drug best taken?



Use this drug as ordered by your doctor. Follow all instructions closely.

- Keep taking this drug as you have been told by your doctor or other health care provider, even if you feel well.
- To gain the most benefit, do not miss doses.
- Do not take antacids within 2 hours of this drug.

General drug facts

- If your symptoms or health problems do not get better or if they become worse, call your doctor.
- Talk with your doctor before starting any new drug, including prescription or OTC, natural products, or vitamins.
- Ask your doctor or talk with a pharmacist for information on what to do if you miss a dose or how to store your drugs.

If you think there has been an overdose, call your poison control center or get medical care right away.

Ontario Poison Control Centre: (416)-813-5900



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