

Medication Information Card

Pregabalin (Pre – ga – ba – lin)

Other names for this medication

Lyrica®

How this medication is used

This medication is used to stop nerve pain in legs that feels like a sharp, burning pain.

How to take this medication

Take this medication exactly as directed by your doctor. It must be taken regularly, even if you feel well.

If you miss a dose of this medication, take it as soon as possible. However, if it is almost time for the next dose, skip the missed dose and go back to your regular time. Do not take 2 doses at one time.

Do not stop this medication without talking to your doctor first. Abrupt stopping of this medication can cause severe headache, sleeplessness and nausea. When it is time to stop taking this medication your doctor may slowly decrease the amount you take.

This medication increases the effects of alcohol making you more sleepy and dizzy. Until you know how this medication affects you, avoid alcohol such as wine, beer and liquor.

Until you know how this medication affects you, do not drive or operate machinery.

While taking this medication you may notice

- drowsiness
- dizziness
- upset stomach
- swelling of feet or lower legs
- weight gain

Contact your doctor if you notice

- change in coordination – clumsy and awkward movements
- mood or mental changes unusual for you
- fatigue or feeling very tired
- shaking
- changes in eyesight or blurred vision
- vertigo – a feeling that you are dizzily turning around or that things are dizzily turning around you