

Ropinirole

PHARMACY INFO SHEET

WHAT IT DOES:

Ropinirole is used to relieve the discomfort of restless leg syndrome.

HOW IT WORKS:

The exact cause of restless leg syndrome is unknown but it is believed that restless leg syndrome could be the result of reduced dopamine storage.

Ropinirole helps relieve the discomfort of restless legs because it acts like dopamine in the brain.

HOW AND WHEN TO TAKE IT:

The dose is usually taken at bedtime, or just prior to hemodialysis, but take it exactly as directed by your doctor.

Ropinirole can be taken with or without food.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU MISS A DOSE:

If you miss a dose, take the missed dose as soon as you remember. If it is the next day and you are not experiencing restless leg syndrome, take the next dose as scheduled.

DO NOT DOUBLE YOUR DOSE TO MAKE UP FOR A MISSED ONE.

POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS:

Side effects from ropinirole are not common and can include dizziness, drowsiness, headache, nausea, vomiting, constipation, or dry mouth.

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if any of these symptoms are severe or persistent: stomach upset, dizziness (especially when standing up from a sitting or lying position), headaches, muscle stiffness, uncontrollable movements (such as tremors), confusion, hallucinations (seeing or hearing things that are not there).

Some people taking ropinirole suddenly fall asleep during activities such as driving, eating or talking. Do not drive a car or do activities that require alertness in the first few weeks after starting ropinirole, especially if you have ever experienced sudden onset of sleep or if you feel very tired during the day.



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