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Carbamazepine

PHARMACY INFO SHEET

WHAT IT DOES:

Carbamazepine helps to relieve the pain and discomfort associated with peripheral neuropathy and restless legs syndrome. This medication has other uses also; ask your doctor or pharmacist for more information.

HOW IT WORKS:

This medication works in the brain to down regulate the sensation of pain in the nerves.

HOW TO TAKE IT:

This medication should be taken exactly as directed by your doctor. Do not increase, decrease or suddenly stop taking this medication without talking to your doctor first.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU MISS A DOSE:

If you miss a dose, take the missed dose as soon as you remember. If the next regularly scheduled dose is due within the following 6 hours of taking the missed dose, omit this next dose and then resume your original dosing schedule. DO NOT DOUBLE DOSE TO MAKE UP FOR A MISSED ONE.

POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS:

Carbamazepine has some mild yet common side effects. You may experience some drowsiness, headache, upset stomach, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea or constipation, agitation or difficulty walking. More severe side effects are rare and require an immediate call to your doctor. These are: sore throat, unusual bleeding or bruising, tiny purple-coloured skin spots, fever or mouth sores, irregular heartbeat, joint pain, faintness or seizures.

RELATION TO DIET:

Carbamazepine can be taken with or without food. If you experience an upset stomach after taking this medication, take it with some food or milk. Avoid alcohol while taking this medication.

Use the space below to write down why you are taking this medication.