

Apo-Divalproex

Divalproex Sodium Enteric-Coated Tablets

Please read the following information carefully before you start to take divalproex sodium tablets, even if you have taken this drug before.

WHAT IS APO-DIVALPROEX?

APO-DIVALPROEX (divalproex sodium) Enteric-Coated Tablets have been prescribed to you to control your epilepsy. Please follow your doctor's recommendations carefully.

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BEFORE TAKING APO-DIVALPROEX

Please inform your Doctor:

- if you have a history of, or suffer from a liver disease, such as jaundice (yellowing of skin or eyes).
- if you ever had an unusual or allergic reaction to divalproex sodium.
- if you are allergic to any component of APO-DIVALPROEX tablets.
- if you are pregnant or are planning to become pregnant.
- if you are breast-feeding (nursing); divalproex sodium is excreted in breast milk.
- if you are taking any other prescription or over-the-counter medicine.
- if you have liver or kidney disease, or other medical conditions.
- if you consume alcohol on a regular basis.

HOW TO TAKE APO-DIVALPROEX

- It is very important that you take APO-DIVALPROEX exactly as your doctor instructed.
- Your doctor may increase or decrease your medication according to your specific needs; carefully follow the instructions you were given. Do not change the dose yourself.
- Do not stop taking your medicine abruptly, because your seizures may increase.
- If you happen to miss a dose, do not try to make up for it by doubling up on the dose next time. Just take your next regularly scheduled dose and try not to miss any more. APO-DIVALPROEX may be taken with or without food.
- Consult your Doctor before taking any other medication, including over-the-counter medicines. Some drugs can produce various side effects when they are used in combination with APO-DIVALPROEX.
- It is important to keep your appointments for medical checkups.

PRECAUTIONS WHILE TAKING APO-DIVALPROEX

- If you develop malaise, weakness, lethargy, facial edema, anorexia and vomiting, particularly in the first weeks of therapy, contact your doctor immediately. If you are a parent whose child is taking APO-DIVALPROEX, report to your doctor immediately if your child develops any of these symptoms.
- Your doctor will monitor your response to APO-DIVALPROEX on a regular basis. However, if your seizures get worse, tell your doctor immediately. (The onset of pregnancy should be reported promptly).
- Different side effects have been reported by patients taking APO-DIVALPROEX. The most commonly reported adverse reactions are nausea, vomiting and indigestion. However, this does not mean that you will experience such effects, because people can react in different ways to the same medicine.
- Since APO-DIVALPROEX may cause poor coordination and/or drowsiness, do not engage in hazardous activities, such as driving and operating machinery, until you know that you don't become drowsy from the drug. Consult your doctor.
- If you notice any bothersome or unusual effects while taking APO-DIVALPROEX, check with your doctor or pharmacist right away.
- Do not stop taking your medication unless directed by your doctor. Always check that you have an adequate supply of APO-DIVALPROEX. Remember that this medicine was prescribed only for you; never give it to anyone else.

WHAT TO DO IN CASE OF AN OVERDOSE

If you accidentally take an overdose of APO-DIVALPROEX, contact your doctor or nearest hospital emergency, even though you may not feel sick.

HOW TO STORE APO-DIVALPROEX

Store your APO-DIVALPROEX tablets at room temperature (15-30°C). Cap the bottle tightly immediately after use. **Keep out of reach of children.**