

# INFORMATION FOR THE PATIENT

## APO-GABAPENTIN **DRUGS-ABOUT.COM**

### Gabapentin Capsules 100, 300 AND 400 MG

Please read this information carefully before you start to take your medicine, even if you have taken this drug before. Do not throw away this leaflet until you have finished your medicine as you may need to read it again. For further information or advice, please ask your doctor or pharmacist.

#### What Is APO-GABAPENTIN

- APO-GABAPENTIN (gabapentin) belongs to the family of medicines called antiepileptic drugs for treating epilepsy.
- APO-GABAPENTIN has been prescribed for you by your doctor to reduce your number of seizures, or for treating other related conditions considered appropriate by your doctor.

#### Important Points You Must Tell Your Doctor Before Taking APO-GABAPENTIN

- Tell about all your medical conditions, especially if you have any kidney disease.
- If you are pregnant or thinking about becoming pregnant, or if you are breast-feeding.
- Any other medicines (prescription and nonprescription) you are taking.
- Inform your doctor of your usual alcohol consumption.

#### How To Take APO-GABAPENTIN

- It is very important that you take APO-GABAPENTIN exactly as your doctor has instructed.
- Never increase or decrease the amount of APO-GABAPENTIN you are taking unless your doctor tells you to.
- Do not stop taking it abruptly because your seizures may increase.
- If you miss a dose, take it as soon as possible. However, if it is within 4 hours of your next dose do not take the missed dose and return to your regular dosing schedule. Do not allow more than 12 hours to go by between doses. If that happens, consult your doctor as soon as possible.
- APO-GABAPENTIN may be taken with or without food.

#### When Not To Use APO-GABAPENTIN

- Do not use APO-GABAPENTIN if you are allergic to it or any components in the formulation.

#### Precautions When Taking APO-GABAPENTIN

- Call your doctor immediately if your seizures get worse.
- Contact your doctor immediately if you experience any severe, unusual or allergic reactions.
- When you first begin taking APO-GABAPENTIN you may experience some side effects, such as drowsiness, dizziness and fatigue. Consult your doctor if you experience any of these, as the dose may have to be adjusted.
- If your epilepsy is not controlled, it is very important not to perform any potentially hazardous tasks, such as driving a car or operating dangerous machines. If your epilepsy is controlled, it is important to refrain from potentially dangerous tasks until you are sure this medication does not effect your mental alertness or physical coordination.
- Avoid alcoholic drinks while taking APO-GABAPENTIN.

#### What To Do In Case of Overdose

- Contact your doctor or nearest hospital emergency department, even though you may not feel sick.

#### How To Store APO-GABAPENTIN

- Store at room temperature (15 to 30°C), and in tightly closed and light resistant containers.
- Keep out of reach of children.

#### What Does APO-GABAPENTIN Contain

APO-GABAPENTIN is available in capsules containing 100, 300 and 400 mg of gabapentin as the active medicinal ingredient. APO-GABAPENTIN 100, 300 and 400 mg capsules are available in blisters unit dose packages of 100 (10x10) capsules.

#### Who Manufactures APO-GABAPENTIN

- APO-GABAPENTIN capsules are manufactured by:

Apotex Inc.  
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#### REMINDERS:

**This medicine has been prescribed only for you. Do not give it to anybody else.**

If you require any further information or advice please consult your doctor or pharmacist .



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