

## MEDICATION INFORMATION FOR PEDIATRIC PATIENTS

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### Lamotrigine

(Brand Name: Lamictal)

Dosing Instructions: \_\_\_\_\_

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#### What is this medicine for?

- used to prevent or treat seizures (convulsions)
- used to treat bipolar disorders

#### How should I give my child this medicine?

- Give only the amount prescribed by your child's doctor. This medicine should only be given to the patient for whom it is prescribed.
- Do not stop giving your child lamotrigine unless told to do so by your child's doctor.
- Give lamotrigine at the same time every day.
- If giving your child a liquid, shake the bottle well and carefully measure each dose with an oral syringe, dropper, or medicine spoon.

#### How should this medicine be stored?

- Keep medicine in its original bottle.
- Keep all medicine out of the reach of children.
- Store tablets in a cool, dry place away from sunlight.
- If giving your child a liquid, ask your pharmacist how to store it.

#### What should I do if I miss a dose?

- Give the dose as soon as you remember it. However, if it is almost time for the next dose, do not give the missed dose. Do not give a double dose. If two or more doses are missed, contact your child's doctor.

#### What precautions or special instructions should I know about?

- Children may be more likely to develop severe skin lesions from lamotrigine than adults. Report any rash or skin lesions to your child's doctor.
- Do not give your child any other medicines, including over-the-counter medicines, until you have checked with your child's doctor or pharmacist.
- This medicine may make your child drowsy. Watch carefully if your child is performing a task requiring alertness, such as climbing stairs.
- Lamotrigine may make your child's skin more sensitive to the sun. Dress your child in protective clothing and apply a lotion with sunscreen.
- It may be helpful to keep a record of your child's seizures, behavior, and school performance to help identify the best dose for your child.

#### What are the common side effects of this medicine?

- dizziness, lightheadedness, drowsiness
- lack of coordination
- nausea, vomiting
- headache

#### Stop giving your child this medicine and call your child's doctor immediately if:

- Any of the common side effects listed above become severe.
- Your child has any of these reactions:
  - rash or purple spots on skin
  - difficulty seeing
  - yellowing of eyes or skin
  - unusual bruising or bleeding
  - fever, chills, sore throat
  - a change in seizure pattern

#### Notes and Special Instructions:

**This medication information sheet is a summary and intended for information purposes only. If you have any other questions, please ask your child's doctor or pharmacist.**