

## WHAT DOES VIMPAT TREAT?

- Partial seizures

## WHAT ARE THE POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS OF VIMPAT?

- Dizziness
- Blurred vision
- Nystagmus
- Euphoria
- Ataxia
- Headache
- Fatigue
- Nausea
- Confusion

**THIS INFORMATION IS NOT A COMPLETE LIST OF ALL POSSIBLE REACTIONS TO VIMPAT. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU SPEAK TO YOUR DOCTOR OR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT ABOUT THIS MEDICATION AND THE BENEFITS/RISKS. DO NOT CHANGE THE DOSE OR FORM OF MEDICINE WITHOUT FIRST DISCUSSING IT WITH OUR OFFICE.**

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# VIMPAT

**Generic: Lacosamide**

### NCW MEDICATION GUIDE

**VIMPAT COMES IN MULTIPLE FORMS, INCLUDING:**

**TABLETS:**

**50MG•100MG•150MG•200MG**

**SOLUTION:**

**10MG/ML**

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## WHAT SYMPTOMS SHOULD I REPORT IMMEDIATELY?

- Extreme sleepiness
- Confusion
- Unsteady walking
- Slurred speech
- Vomiting
- Loss of appetite
- Slow heart rate
- Suicidal ideation

## WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS OF TOO MUCH MEDICINE?

- Dizzy
- Unsteady
- “drunk like” actions
- Blurry vision
- Vomiting
- Unexplained bleeding

**CONTACT THE DOCTOR**

**IMMEDIATELY WITH ANY OF THESE**

**SYMPTOMS**

## HOW DO I TAKE VIMPAT?

- Vimpat can be taken with or without food.
- Vimpat tablets can be cut and/or crushed
- Vimpat may be mixed with fluid or applesauce
- Depending on your dose/formulation, you may take Vimpat up to twice a day
- Vimpat solution must be used within 7 weeks of opening the bottle

## DOES VIMPAT NEED REGULAR BLOOD LEVELS?

Vimpat dosing is determined by the amount of medication in the blood. A low blood level may lead to poor seizure control and a high blood level may lead to more severe side effects.

**IF YOU OR YOUR CHILD HAS TAKEN AN OVER DOSE OF MEDICATION, CALL 911 IMMEDIATELY!**

## WHAT OVER THE COUNTER MEDICATIONS SHOULD I AVOID WITH VIMPAT?

- There are no medications that you should avoid while taking Vimpat.

## IS VIMPAT ADDICTIVE?

No. Vimpat does not have addictive properties. However, suddenly stopping this medication without consulting your doctor can lead to seizures. Tapering off of Vimpat is simple, but is done so gradually to prevent rebound seizures.

## I'M PREGNANT, IS IT SAFE TO TAKE VIMPAT?

No. If you believe you are pregnant or are trying to get pregnant, contact our office. Studies have shown that Vimpat while taken during pregnancy can cause birth defects including growth deficit, decreased brain weight and deficits in learning. **DO NOT STOP taking your Vimpat suddenly. CONTACT our office to discuss your options and treatment.**

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