

Dantrium (dantrolene)

Parent Information Sheet

Why it is prescribed

Dantrium is used to reduce muscle spasms and improve muscle movement.

How to give Dantrium

- Dantrium is prescribed only for use by the patient whose name appears on the prescription.
- Dantrium requires adult supervision at home and at school. Your child should not be expected to remember to take the medication on his/her own. Your school will require a form for school medication administration signed by the doctor.
- Give Dantrium exactly as your doctor has prescribed
- Do not give Dantrium more often or in larger doses than what your doctor has ordered. If you have any questions or concerns about the current medication, call your doctor's office.
- If you miss a dose, take the missed dose as soon as possible; then take the remaining doses for that day at regularly spaced times. Do not give a double dose.
- Never discontinue your child's medication without first consulting a doctor.

The phone number to the office is (313) 832-1100 ext. 220.

Side Effects

The most common: tiredness, dizziness, headache, rash, stomach upset, weakness.

Very rare: seizures, liver problems

Call your physician (or go to the nearest ER) if you have a seizure.

Special Considerations

- Your doctor may require periodic blood tests to screen for possible liver problems.

Procedure for getting a prescription

- If you require a prescription refill before your next scheduled appointment, please call the clinical services office at (313) 832-1100 ext. 220.
- Please have your pharmacy phone number available before calling for prescription refills.
- The Detroit Institute for Children is not open on weekends or holidays. The clinical services office is open from 8 am till 5 pm Monday through Thursday and 8 am till 12 noon on Fridays.
- If you are overdue for a return appointment or have not kept a scheduled appointment, your child's doctor reserves the right not to prescribe the medication.

Poison Control Center:

1-800-764-7661 (1-800-POISON-1)