

# Lamictal/ Lamotrigine

## Parent Information Sheet

### Why it is prescribed

Lamictal is used to treat specific types of seizure disorders.

### How to give Lamictal

- Lamictal is prescribed only for use by the patient whose name appears on the prescription. Do not allow anyone else to take this medication.
- Administration of Lamictal requires adult supervision at home. Your child should not be expected to remember to take the medication on his/her own.
- Give Lamictal exactly as your doctor has prescribed. Give the medicine at the same time every day.
- Do not give the medication 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.
- Never take a double dose to make up a missed dose.
- If your child experiences a seizure while on this medication, please notify the doctor's office.
- Never discontinue your child's medication without first consulting a doctor.

*Your child's doctor is:*

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

### **Side Effects**

**Call your doctor immediately if you notice any of these side effects:**

- An allergic reaction such as itching, hives, swelling in hands or face, swelling or tingling in the mouth or throat, tightness in chest, trouble breathing.
- Blurred or double vision
- Extreme weakness or fainting
- Fever, swollen glands

**If you notice any of these less serious side effects, talk to your doctor:**

- headache, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, stomach upset, or sore throat

### Special Considerations

- Combining Lamictal with other medications may alter their actions or produce unwanted effects. Make sure your doctor knows if you are taking any other medications to control seizures such as Tegretol, Dilantin, Depakene, Mysoline, or Phenobarbital.

### 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 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. -12 noon on Friday.
- 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)**