

# Neurontin (Gabapentin)

## Parent Information Sheet

### *Why it is prescribed*

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Neurontin is an anticonvulsant with analgesic (pain killing) action. It is used to treat certain types of seizures and to relieve pain in adults.

### *How to give Neurontin*

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- Neurontin is prescribed only for use by the patient whose name appears on the prescription.
- Neurontin 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 Neurontin exactly as your doctor has prescribed
- Do not give Neurontin 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.
- 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**

Most **common**: drowsiness, dizziness, loss of coordination, nervousness, dry mouth, nausea.

**Serious**: severe or continuous seizures. If this occurs, call your doctor immediately or go to the nearest emergency room.

### *Special Considerations*

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- Combining certain drugs may alter their action or produce unwanted side effects. Tell your doctor about other drugs you are taking, especially antacids.

### *Procedure for getting a prescription*

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- 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-5 pm Monday through Thursday and 8 am – 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)**