

# Tegretol/ Carbatrol (Carbamazepine)

## Parent Information Sheet

### Why it is prescribed

Tegretol and Carbatrol are used to treat seizure disorders, uncontrolled impulsiveness and other disorders.

### How to give Carbamazepine

- Carbamazepine 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 Carbamazepine requires adult supervision at home and at school. Your child should not be expected to remember to take the medication on his/her own. You will need a physician prescription to have the medicine administered at your child's school.
- Give Carbamazepine 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 you miss more than one dose contact your doctor's office.
- 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.
- Always tell the dentist and other doctors your child is on this medication to avoid drug interactions.

*Your child's doctor is:*

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

### Side Effects

**The most common but infrequent:** stomach upset, drowsiness, sleepiness, dizziness, lack of coordination, and behavioral changes.

**Serious:** skin rashes, fever, sore throat, ulcers in the mouth, easy bruising, ringing in the ears.

**Rare:** liver, kidney, and blood problems.

Call your doctor immediately about serious side effects.  
(313) 832-1100 ext. 220.

### Special Considerations

- Your doctor may require periodic blood test to determine the therapeutic level of Carbamazepine for your child, and to screen for liver and blood problems.
- Combining Carbamazepine with other medications may alter their effectiveness (ie birth control pills, antibiotics, etc).

### 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.
- 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)**