

LACOSAMIDE ARX

lacosamide

Consumer Medicine Information

This leaflet provides important information about using LACOSAMIDE ARX. **You should also speak to your doctor or pharmacist if you would like further information or if you have any concerns or questions about using LACOSAMIDE ARX.**

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1. Why am I using LACOSAMIDE ARX?

LACOSAMIDE ARX contains the active ingredient lacosamide. LACOSAMIDE ARX belongs to a group of medicines called antiepileptics. These medicines are thought to work by controlling brain chemicals which send signals to nerves so that seizures do not happen.

LACOSAMIDE ARX is used to by itself (in patients over 16 years) or in combination with other medicines to control epilepsy. Epilepsy is a condition where you have repeated seizures. There are many different types of seizures, ranging from mild to severe.

2. What should I know before I use LACOSAMIDE ARX?

Warnings

Do not use LACOSAMIDE ARX if:

- you are allergic to lacosamide, or any of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet.
- Always check the ingredients to make sure you can use this medicine.
- you have, or have had, a heart condition causing an uneven heart beat.

Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you:

- have any other medical conditions:
 - heart problems
 - kidney problems
 - liver problems.
- take any medicines for any other condition especially barbiturates (such as phenobarbitone) or any other antiepileptic medicines (such as carbamazepine, lamotrigine or levetiracetam)

During treatment, you may be at risk of developing certain side effects. It is important you understand these risks and how to monitor for them. See additional information under Section 6. Are there any side effects?

Pregnancy and breastfeeding

Check with your doctor if you are pregnant or intend to become pregnant.

LACOSAMIDE ARX may affect your developing baby if you take it during pregnancy. However, it is very important to control your seizures while you are pregnant. Your doctor will outline and weigh up all the risks and benefits of taking LACOSAMIDE ARX during pregnancy to help decide whether or not you should take it.

Talk to your doctor if you are breastfeeding or intend to breastfeed.

Your doctor will discuss the risks and benefits of using LACOSAMIDE ARX if you are breastfeeding.

3. What if I am taking other medicines?

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking any other medicines, including any medicines, vitamins or supplements that you buy without a prescription from your pharmacy, supermarket or health food shop.

Some medicines may interfere with LACOSAMIDE ARX and affect how it works.

- medicines to treat heart problems
- medicine which may have an affect on your heart beat such as carbamazepine, lamotrigine or pregabalin.

LACOSAMIDE ARX does not interact with the oral contraceptive pill.

However, you may be given LACOSAMIDE ARX together with other antiepileptic medicines that do interact and may affect the effectiveness of your contraceptive. Your doctor may advise you to use an additional method of contraception if you take LACOSAMIDE ARX with other antiepileptic medicines.

Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure about what medicines, vitamins or supplements you are taking and if these affect LACOSAMIDE ARX.