

Lacosamide Sandoz®

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Consumer Medicine Information

This leaflet provides important information about using Lacosamide Sandoz. **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 Sandoz.**

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1. Why am I using Lacosamide Sandoz?

Lacosamide Sandoz contains the active ingredient lacosamide.

Lacosamide Sandoz belong 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 Sandoz is used in patients over 4 years in combination with other medicines to control epilepsy. Lacosamide Sandoz tablets are used by itself (in patients over 16 years) to control epilepsy.

2. What should I know before I use Lacosamide Sandoz?

Warnings

Do not use Lacosamide Sandoz 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. Some of the symptoms of an allergic reaction may include:
 - shortness of breath
 - wheezing or difficulty breathing
 - swelling of the face, lips, tongue or other parts of the body
 - rash, itching or hives on the skin
 - any other specific reactions listed in the PI
- you have, or have had, a heart condition causing an uneven heartbeat.
- It is after the expiry printed on the pack or if the packaging is torn or shows signs of tampering. If it has expired or is damaged, return it to your pharmacist for disposal.

Check with your doctor if you:

- have allergies to any other medicines, especially barbiturates (such as phenobarbitone) or any other antiepileptic medicines (such as carbamazepine, lamotrigine or levetiracetam) or any other medicines, foods, preservatives or dyes.
- have any other medical conditions:
 - heart problems
 - kidney problems
 - liver problems

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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 Sandoz 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 Sandoz 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 Sandoz if you are breastfeeding.

Use in Children

Lacosamide Sandoz is not recommended for use in children under the age of 4 years as its safety and efficacy has not been established in this age group.