

WHAT DOES DILANTIN TREAT?

- Partial Seizures
- Partial complex seizures
- Tonic – clonic seizures

WHAT ARE THE POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS OF DILANTIN?

- Dizziness
- Drowsiness
- Tremor
- Swollen gums
- Constipation
- Hypotension

THIS INFORMATION IS NOT A COMPLETE LIST OF ALL POSSIBLE

REACTIONS TO DILANTIN. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU SPEAK TO YOUR

DOCTOR OR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT ABOUT THIS MEDICATION AND THE BENEFITS/RISKS. DO NOT CHANGE THE DOSE OR FORM OF MEDICINE

WITHOUT FIRST DISCUSSING IT WITH OUR OFFICE.

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DILANTIN

Generic: Phenytoin

<p>NCW MEDICATION GUIDE</p> <p>DILANTIN COMES IN MULTIPLE FORMS, INCLUDING:</p> <p>CHEWABLE TABLETS: 50MG</p> <p>ER CAPSULES: 30MG• 100MG• 200MG• 300MG</p> <p>SOLUTION: 125MG/5ML</p>

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WHAT SYMPTOMS SHOULD I REPORT IMMEDIATELY?

- Extreme sleepiness
- Confusion
- Unsteady walking
- Slurred speech
- Swelling in head
- Suicidal Ideation

WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS OF TOO MUCH MEDICINE?

- Dizzy
- Unsteady
- “drunk like” actions
- Blurry vision
- Vomiting
- Unexplained bleeding

CONTACT THE DOCTOR IMMEDIATELY WITH ANY OF THESE SYMPTOMS

HOW DO I TAKE DILANTIN?

- Dilantin capsules and chewable tablets should be taken with food.
- Depending on your dose/formulation, you may take Dilantin up to two times a day.
- Dilantin capsules **CAN NOT** be opened, crushed or chewed
- Dilantin solution should be given one hour before or one hour after food

WHAT OVER THE COUNTER MEDICATIONS SHOULD I AVOID WITH DILANTIN?

- There are no medications that should be avoided with Dilantin

WHY DO YOU NEED REGULAR BLOOD LEVELS?

Dilantin dosing is determined by the patient's weight. Dosing is also determined by the amount of medication in the blood. Dilantin has two different drug levels total and free. Both are used to determine appropriate dosing. When checking your blood level, we also check the liver enzymes and blood cell counts to ensure those are still within range while on this medication. A low blood level may lead to poor seizure control and a high blood level may lead to more severe side effects.

IF YOU OR YOUR CHILD HAS TAKEN AN OVER DOSE OF MEDICATION, CALL 911 IMMEDIATELY!

IS DILANTIN ADDICTIVE?

No. Dilantin does not have addictive properties. However, suddenly stopping this medication without consulting your doctor can lead to seizures. Tapering off of Dilantin is simple, but is done so gradually to prevent rebound seizures.

I'M PREGNANT, IS IT SAFE TO TAKE DILANTIN?

No. If you believe you are pregnant or are trying to get pregnant, contact our office. Studies have shown that Dilantin while taken during pregnancy can cause several different abnormalities in the developing fetus. **DO NOT STOP taking your Depakote suddenly. CONTACT our office to discuss your options and treatment.**

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