

# Information about levetiracetam



An Easy Read guide about levetiracetam





**What is this leaflet for?**

This leaflet is to help you understand more about your medicine.



**What is the medicine called?**

This medicine is called levetiracetam.

It is also called Keppra.

It comes as tablets or a liquid.



**What is it for?**

People take levetiracetam to help stop fits (seizures) if they have epilepsy.



**Where do I get levetiracetam from?**

You can only get levetiracetam from your doctor.

**Be careful!**

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking any other medicines or if you are pregnant.

**How do I take levetiracetam?**

Take them with a glass of water.



Don't take levetiracetam with alcohol.



Take the levetiracetam in the way your doctor has told you.

It is normally taken twice a day, in the morning and evening, at about the same time each day.



If you forget to take your medicine you should tell your carer or contact your doctor.

Don't take extra tablets to catch up if you miss one.



Don't stop taking levetiracetam without your doctor's advice as you could have more fits (seizures).

If your doctor wants you to stop taking levetiracetam, this is normally done slowly.



### **What should I do if I take too many (overdose)?**

If you think you have taken too many, tell your carer straight away and call a doctor or ambulance.



### **What are the side effects of levetiracetam?**

Side effects are the effects medicine can have on your body that are not wanted.

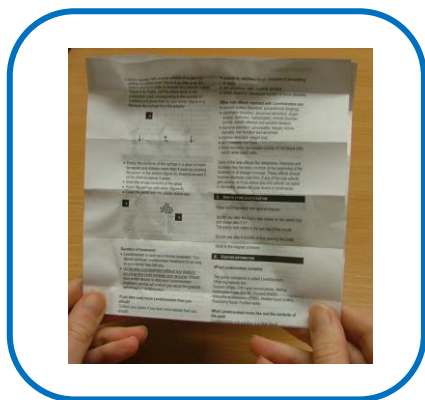
Not everybody taking levetiracetam will get side effects.

Levetiracetam may make you feel sleepy. This is more likely at the start of treatment or if the dose has gone up.



Levetiracetam can also cause some other unwanted effects.

Some people have a headache, don't want to eat, have pain in the stomach, feel sad, don't sleep, shake or feel dizzy or unsteady on their feet.



### **Where can I get more information?**

This leaflet does not tell you everything about levetiracetam.

You can find more information by reading the packet or the leaflet that comes with the medicine.



If you want more information about levetiracetam you can ask your pharmacist, doctor, nurse

**or**



you can phone the Hospital Medicines Helpline on **01270 273221**



## Hospital Medicines Helpline Opening times

Monday to Friday

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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10.00am – 3.00pm