

NOTE: The following information is intended to supplement, not substitute for, the expertise and judgment of your physician, pharmacist or other healthcare professional. It should not be construed to indicate that the use of the drug is safe, appropriate, or effective for you. Consult your healthcare professional before taking this drug.

## **Lyrica**

**Pronunciation:** pre-GAB-a-lin

**Generic Name:** Pregabalin

**Brand Name:** Lyrica

### **Lyrica - used for:**

Treating certain types of nerve pain. It is also used in combination with other medicines to treat certain types of seizures. It may also be used for other conditions as determined by your doctor.

Lyrica is an anticonvulsant and neuropathic pain agent. How Lyrica works is not fully understood. It is thought to bind to certain areas in the brain that help reduce seizures, nerve pain, and anxiety.

### **Do NOT use Lyrica if:**

- you are allergic to any ingredient in Lyrica

Contact your doctor or health care provider right away if any of these apply to you.

### **Before using Lyrica:**

Some medical conditions may interact with Lyrica. Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you have any medical conditions, especially if any of the following apply to you:

- if you are pregnant, planning to become pregnant, or are breast-feeding
- if you are taking any prescription or nonprescription medicine, herbal preparation, or dietary supplement
- if you have allergies to medicines, foods, or other substances
- if you have heart problems (eg, congestive heart failure, irregular heartbeat), elevated creatinine kinase, muscle problems, diabetes, bleeding problems, or a history of alcohol or substance abuse
- if you have kidney problems or are on dialysis

Some MEDICINES MAY INTERACT with Lyrica. However, no specific interactions with Lyrica are known at this time.

This may not be a complete list of all interactions that may occur. Ask your health care provider if Lyrica may interact with other medicines that you take. Check with your health care provider before you start, stop, or change the dose of any medicine.

### **How to use Lyrica:**

Use Lyrica as directed by your doctor. Check the label on the medicine for exact dosing instructions.

- Lyrica comes with an additional patient leaflet. Read it carefully and reread it each time you get Lyrica refilled.
- Lyrica may be taken with or without food.
- Take Lyrica regularly to receive the most benefit from it. Taking Lyrica at the same time each day will help you remember to take it.
- If you miss a dose of Lyrica, take it as soon as possible. If it is almost time for your next dose, skip the missed dose and go back to your regular dosing schedule. Do not take 2 doses at once.

Ask your health care provider any questions you may have about how to use Lyrica.

### **Important safety information about Lyrica:**

- Lyrica may cause drowsiness, dizziness, blurred vision, or lightheadedness. Do not drive, operate machinery, or do anything else that could be dangerous until you know how you react to Lyrica. Using Lyrica alone, with certain other medicines, or with alcohol may lessen your ability to drive or perform other potentially dangerous tasks.
- Avoid drinking alcohol or taking other medicines that cause drowsiness (eg, sedatives, tranquilizers) while taking Lyrica. Lyrica will add to the effects of alcohol and other depressants. Ask your pharmacist if you have questions about which medicines are depressants.
- Lyrica may reduce the number of clot-forming cells (platelets) in your blood. To prevent bleeding, avoid situations in which bruising or injury may occur. Report any unusual bleeding, bruising, blood in stools, or dark, tarry stools to your doctor.
- Before you have any medical or dental treatments, emergency care, or surgery, tell the doctor or dentist that you are using Lyrica.
- If you are planning to father a child, talk to your doctor about the benefits and risks of fathering a child while taking Lyrica.
- LAB TESTS, including blood cell counts, creatine kinase levels, or heart function, may be performed to monitor your progress or to check for side effects. Be sure to keep all doctor and lab appointments.
- Use Lyrica with caution in the ELDERLY because they may be more sensitive to its effects.
- Lyrica is not recommended for use in CHILDREN. Safety and effectiveness have not been confirmed.
- PREGNANCY and BREAST-FEEDING: If you become pregnant while taking Lyrica, discuss with your doctor the benefits and risks of using Lyrica during pregnancy. It is unknown if Lyrica is excreted in breast milk. Do not breast-feed while taking Lyrica.

If you suddenly stop taking Lyrica, you may experience WITHDRAWAL symptoms, including diarrhea, headache, nausea, or sleeplessness. If treatment with Lyrica is stopped, the dose should be reduced gradually.

### **Possible side effects of Lyrica:**

All medicines may cause side effects, but many people have no, or minor, side effects. Check with your doctor if any of these most COMMON side effects persist or become bothersome:

Changes in sexual function; constipation; dizziness; drowsiness; dry mouth; gas; headache; lightheadedness; stomach pain.

Seek medical attention right away if any of these SEVERE side effects occur:

Severe allergic reactions (rash; hives; itching; difficulty breathing; tightness in the chest; swelling of the mouth, face, lips, or tongue); bloating or swelling of the hands, feet, or ankles; changes in vision; confusion; fast or irregular heartbeat; fever; inability to control urination; loss of coordination; mental/mood changes; muscle aches, pain, tenderness, or weakness (especially if this occurs with a fever or general feeling of discomfort); speaking problems; sudden weight gain; unusual tiredness or weakness.

This is not a complete list of all side effects that may occur. If you have questions or need medical advice about side effects, contact your doctor or health care provider. You may report side effects to the FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 (1-800-332-1088) or at <http://www.fda.gov/medwatch>.

### **If OVERDOSE is suspected:**

Contact 1-800-222-1222 (the American Association of Poison Control Centers), your local poison control center (<http://www.aapcc.org/findyour.htm>), or emergency room immediately.

### **Proper storage of Lyrica:**

Store Lyrica at 77 degrees F (25 degrees C). Brief storage at temperatures between 59 and 86 degrees F (15 and 30 degrees C) is permitted. Store away from heat, moisture, and light. Do not store in the bathroom. Keep Lyrica out of the reach of children and away from pets.

### **General information:**

- If you have any questions about Lyrica, please talk with your doctor, pharmacist, or other health care provider.
- Lyrica is to be used only by the patient for whom it is prescribed. Do not share it with other people.
- If your symptoms do not improve or if they become worse, check with your doctor.

This information is a summary only. It does not contain all information about Lyrica. If you have questions about the medicine you are taking or would like more information, check with your doctor, pharmacist, or other health care provider.

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