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The medicine is dispensed with a doctor's prescription only

Levetrim 250, Levetrim 500, Levetrim 1000

Tablets

Composition:

Each tablet of Levetrim 250 mg contains:	Levetiracetam 250 mg
Each tablet of Levetrim 500 mg contains:	Levetiracetam 500 mg
Each tablet of Levetrim 1000 mg contains:	Levetiracetam 1000 mg

For a list of inactive ingredients - please see section 6.

Read this leaflet carefully in its entirety before using the medicine.

This leaflet contains concise information about the medicine. If you have further questions, refer to the doctor or pharmacist.

This medicine has been prescribed for you. Do not pass it on to others. It may harm them even if it seems to you that their medical condition is similar.

This medicine is not appropriate for use in infants and children below the age of 4.

1. WHAT IS THE MEDICINE INTENDED FOR?

1. As a monotherapy for different types of epilepsy in adults above the age of 16.
2. As an adjunctive therapy to other antiepileptic medicines in adult patients and children from age 4, who have certain forms of epilepsy.
3. As an adjunctive therapy to other antiepileptic medicines in patients over the age of 12 who have Juvenile Myoclonic Epilepsy and Primary Generalized Tonic Clonic Seizures.

Therapeutic group: the active ingredient belongs to the anticonvulsants group.

2. BEFORE USING THE MEDICINE:

☒ **Do not use the medicine if:**

you are sensitive (allergic) to levetiracetam or to other derivatives of pyrrolidone or to any of the other ingredients contained in the medicine (see section 6 below).

Special warnings regarding use of the medicine:

- Do not use the medicine without consulting a doctor before commencing treatment if you are suffering, or have suffered in the past, from impaired function of the kidney. The doctor may change the dosage of the medicine.
- If during treatment the growth of treated children slows down or there is an effect on their sexual maturation, refer to the attending doctor.
- If during treatment there is an increase in the frequency of convulsions (e.g., an increase in their number), refer to the attending doctor.
- Taking anticonvulsants may increase the risk of suicidal actions or thoughts. You and your family members must pay attention to changes in mood and behavioral patterns. Monitor signs indicating risk of suicide, such as:
  - talking or thinking about wanting to hurt yourself.
  - introversion and withdrawal from family and friends.
  - depression or worsening of existing depression.
  - preoccupation with the subject of death.
  - abandoning or giving away prized possessions.

  If one or more of these signs or any other worrisome behavior pattern occurs – refer to a doctor immediately!
- If you are sensitive to any food or medicine, inform the doctor before taking this medicine.
- Levetrim is not intended as a monotherapy for children and adolescents under the age of 16.

! If you are taking, or have recently taken, other medicines, including non-prescription medicines and nutritional supplements, inform the doctor or pharmacist.

Especially if you are taking:

- other anticonvulsants
- probenecid
- oral contraceptives
- laxatives containing macrogol. Do not take macrogol-containing laxatives for one hour before or one hour after taking Levetrim.
- methotrexate

! Use of the medicine and food

The medicine can be taken before or after food.

! Use of the medicine and alcohol consumption

Do not drink alcohol during the course of treatment with Levetrim.

! Pregnancy and breastfeeding

Inform the doctor if you are pregnant, breastfeeding, think you may be pregnant or are planning a pregnancy. Levetrim is not intended for use during pregnancy, unless the doctor thinks this treatment is essential. The possibility of causing birth defects in the fetus cannot be ruled out. Levetrim at dosages higher than those used for treatment of your ailment, showed undesirable effects in animals.

It is not recommended to breastfeed during the course of treatment with Levetrim.

! Driving and using machinery

Levetrim may impair your ability to drive or operate dangerous machinery, since you may feel sleepy. This effect occurs primarily at the beginning of treatment and after the dosage is increased. Do not drive or operate dangerous machinery until you feel that your ability to perform these activities is unimpaired.

Children should be cautioned against riding a bicycle or playing near the road, and the like.

3. HOW SHOULD YOU USE THE MEDICINE?

Always use according to the doctor's instructions.

Check with the doctor or pharmacist if you are unsure.

The dosage and the treatment regimen will be determined by the doctor only.

The dosage will be individually determined by the attending doctor. Be sure to divide the daily dosage into twice per day, in the morning and in the evening. Be sure to take the medicine at set times.

Levetrim in tablet form is not appropriate for use in children under the age of 6 because of difficulty swallowing.

Do not exceed the recommended dose.

Do not chew! Swallow the medicine with water.

The tablet has a score line. If necessary, the tablet may be halved.

If you took an overdose or if a child accidentally swallowed the medicine, immediately refer to a doctor or proceed to a hospital emergency room and bring the package of the medicine with you.

The possible side effects in case of an overdose are: sleepiness, agitation, aggression, decrease of alertness, inhibition of breathing and coma.

If you forgot to take this medicine at the scheduled time, do not take a double dose. Consult a doctor in order to receive instructions on what to do.

Adhere to the treatment regimen recommended by the doctor.

Even if there is an improvement in your health, do not stop treatment with the medicine without consulting with the doctor or pharmacist.

If you stop taking the medicine

If the doctor decides to discontinue treatment with this medicine, he/she will instruct you on how to gradually reduce the use of the medicine, since sudden discontinuation of the treatment may cause recurrence of the seizures or an increase in their frequency.

Do not take medicines in the dark! Check the label and the dose each time you take medicine. Wear glasses if you need them.

If you have further questions regarding use of the medicine, consult the doctor or pharmacist.

4. SIDE EFFECTS:

As with any medicine, use of Levetrim may cause side effects in some users. Do not be alarmed when reading the list of side effects. You may not suffer from any of them.

The most common side effects are nasopharyngitis, sleepiness, tiredness and dizziness.

Sleepiness, tiredness and dizziness are more common at the beginning of treatment or when the dosage is raised. These effects usually decrease with treatment progression.

Very common side effects (affect more than 1 in 10 patients):

- nasopharyngitis
- sleepiness, headache

Common side effects (affect 1-10 in 100 patients):

- lack of appetite (anorexia)
- depression, hostility or aggression, anxiety, insomnia, irritability or nervousness
- balance disorders, convulsions, tremor, dizziness, lethargy - a state of inactivity and unresponsiveness
- cough
- abdominal pain, indigestion, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea
- weakness and tiredness
- sensation of rotation (vertigo)
- rash (on the skin)

Uncommon side effects (affect 1-10 in 1,000 patients):

- decreased count of blood platelets, decreased count of white blood cells
- changes in body weight (gain or loss)
- suicidal thoughts, suicide attempts, mental disorder, hallucinations, abnormal behavior, anger, confusion, panic attack, emotional instability/ mood swings, restlessness (agitation)
- loss of memory, impaired memory (forgetfulness), lack of muscle control (ataxia), tingling sensation, lack of concentration
- double vision, blurred vision
- abnormal liver function test
- hair loss, eczema, itching of the skin
- muscle pains, muscle weakness
- tendency toward accidental injuries

Rare side effects (affect 1-10 in 10,000 patients):

- infection, reduced count of all blood cell types (e.g., agranulocytosis)
- severe allergic reactions (DRESS, anaphylactic reaction [severe allergic reaction], edema [swelling of the face, lips, tongue and throat])
- suicide, personality disorders, thinking disturbances (slow thinking, difficulty concentrating)
- uncontrollable muscle spasms which affect the head, torso and limbs, difficulty in controlling movements, involuntary movements (dyskinesia), excessive movements (hyperkinesia)
- pancreatitis
- hepatic failure, inflammation of the liver (hepatitis - yellowing of the eyes and skin, abdominal pain, vomiting, fever, dark urine and loss of appetite)
- skin rash (erythema multiforme) which may manifest as blisters that look like a small target (dark spots in the center surrounded by a pale region), widespread rash with blisters and skin peeling, especially around the mouth, nose, eyes and genitals (Stevens-Johnson syndrome), or a more severe form that causes peeling of more than 30% of the skin surface (toxic epidermal necrolysis)
- a decrease in sodium concentrations in the blood

If a side effect occurs, if any of the side effects worsen, or if you suffer from a side effect not mentioned in this leaflet, consult the doctor.

Side effects can be reported to the Ministry of Health by clicking on the link "Report Side Effects of Drug Treatment" found on the Ministry of Health homepage (www.health.gov.il) that directs you to the online form for reporting side effects or by entering the link:
https://forms.gov.il/globaldata/getsequence/getsequence.aspx?formType=AdversEffectMedic@moh.gov.il

Side effects can also be reported to the following email: safety@trima.co.il

5. HOW SHOULD THE MEDICINE BE STORED?

- Avoid poisoning! This medicine and any other medicine must be kept in a safe place out of the reach and sight of children and/or infants to avoid poisoning. Do not induce vomiting unless explicitly instructed to do so by the doctor.
- Do not use the medicine after the expiry date (exp. date) that appears on the package. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.
- Store in a dry place, below 25°C. Store in original package.
- Do not discard medicines into the wastewater or waste bin. Ask the pharmacist how to dispose of medicines no longer in use. These measures will help protect the environment.

6. FURTHER INFORMATION:

- In addition to the active ingredient, the medicine also contains:
  Maize starch, povidone, colloidal silicone dioxide, magnesium stearate, titanium dioxide, polyethylene glycol, hypromellose.
- **What does the medicine look like and what are the contents of the package?**
  Levetrim 250: A white, round, biconvex tablet with a score line on one side. The tablets are packaged in blisters, each package contains 60 tablets.
  Levetrim 500: A white, oblong, biconvex tablet with a score line on one side. The tablets are packaged in blisters, each package contains 60 tablets.
  Levetrim 1000: A white, oval, biconvex tablet with a score line on one side. The tablets are packaged in blisters, each package contains 60 tablets.
  Levetrim is also available for administration in solution form at a concentration of 100 mg/ml.
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