

Topiramate

Topamax

What is this drug used for?



To relieve your pain

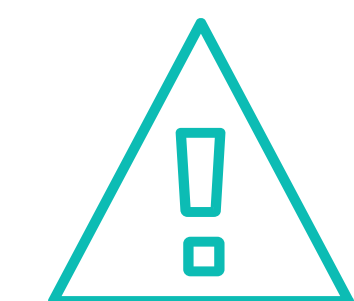
It may be prescribed to you for other reasons. Talk with your doctor.



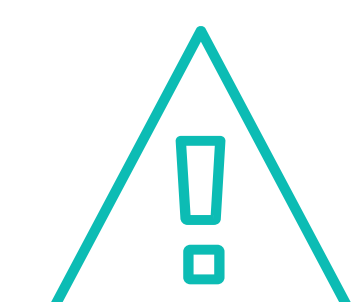
Warning!

- Patients who take this drug may be at a greater risk of having thoughts or actions of suicide. Call your doctor right away if any thoughts or actions of suicide occur.
- Call your doctor right away if signs like low mood (depression), nervousness, restlessness, grouchiness, panic attacks, or changes in mood or actions are new or worse.

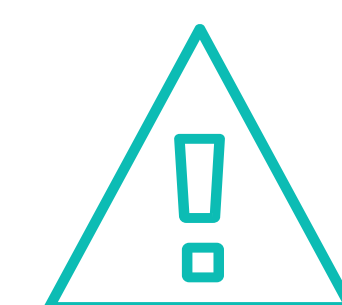
What do I need to tell my doctor BEFORE I take this drug?



If you have an allergy to topiramate or any other part of this drug, or if you have any allergies in general.



Tell your doctor if you are breast-feeding. You will need to talk about any risks to your baby.



Tell your doctor and pharmacist about all of your drugs (prescription or OTC, natural products, vitamins) and health problems.

This is not a list of all drugs or health problems that interact with this drug.

What are some things I need to know or do while I take this drug?

- ✔ **Tell all of your health care providers that you take this drug.**
This includes your doctors, nurses, pharmacists, and dentists.
- ✔ **Avoid driving and doing other tasks or actions that call for you to be alert until you see how this drug affects you.**
- ✔ **This drug may affect growth in children and teens in some cases.**
- ✔ **Sweating less and high body temperatures.**
- ✔ **Birth control pills and other hormone-based birth control may not work as well to prevent pregnancy.**
Use some other kind of birth control also like a condom when taking this drug. If you're taking hormone-based birth control and have any change in bleeding pattern, talk to your doctor.
- ✔ **This drug may cause harm to the unborn baby if you take it while you are pregnant.**
- ✔ **Taking this drug with valproic acid can cause low body temperatures, tiredness, confusion, or coma.**
- ✔ **Talk with your doctor before you use other drugs and natural products.**
- ✔ **This drug may raise the chance of bleeding.**
- ✔ **This drug may cause an acid blood problem (metabolic acidosis).**
The chance may be higher in children and in people with kidney problems, breathing problems, diarrhea, if you take certain other drugs, had surgery, or are on a ketogenic diet.

What are some side effects that I need to call my doctor about right away?

Signs of an allergic reaction

Rash; hives: itching; red, swollen, blistered, or peeling skin with or without fever; wheezing; tightness in the chest or throat; trouble breathing or talking; unusual hoarseness; or swelling of the mouth, face, lips, tongue, or throat.

Signs of infection.

Like fever, chills, very bad sore throat, ear or sinus pain, cough, more sputum or change in color of sputum, pain with passing urine, mouth sores, or wound that will not heal.

Not able to focus.

Feeling confused, change in behavior, trouble speaking, memory problems or loss.

Very bad dizziness or passing out.

Any of the following:

A burning, numbness, or tingling feeling that is not normal, chest pain, bone pain, not able to eat, back pain, belly pain, or blood in the urine.

Signs of too much acid in the blood.

Like confusion; fast breathing; fast heartbeat; a heartbeat that does not feel normal; pale skin, seizures, twitching, very bad stomach pain, upset stomach, or throwing up; feeling very sleepy; shortness of breath; or feeling very tired or weak.

Signs of liver problems.

Like dark urine, feeling tired, not hungry, upset stomach or stomach pain, light-colored stools, throwing up, or yellow skin or eyes.

Change in balance.

Muscle pain or weakness, shakiness, or twitching, trouble walking, trouble sleeping.

Any unexplained bruising or bleeding.

Changed or blurred eyesight.

What are some common side effects?

 Less hungry, change in taste, or weight gain.

 Upset stomach or throwing up.

 Hard stools (constipation).

 Loose stools (diarrhea).

Any of the following:

Headaches, feeling dizzy, sleepy, tired, or weak, signs of a common cold, feeling nervous and excitable, flushing, numbness, or joint pain.

Call your doctor or get medical help if any of these side effects or any other side effects bother you or do not go away

How is this drug best taken?

 Use this drug as ordered by your doctor. Follow all instructions closely.

- Keep taking this drug as you have been told by your doctor or other health care provider, even if you feel well.
- Take with or without food.
- Drink lots of noncaffeine liquids unless told to drink less liquid by your doctor.
- Have blood work checked as you have been told by the doctor.

General drug facts

- If your symptoms or health problems do not get better or if they become worse, call your doctor.
- Talk with your doctor before starting any new drug, including prescription or OTC, natural products, or vitamins.
- Ask your doctor or talk with a pharmacist for information on what to do if you miss a dose or how to store your drugs.

**If you think there has been an overdose, call your poison control center or get medical care right away.
Ontario Poison Control Centre : (416)-813-5900**