



Medication

Anticonvulsants

my medication is called



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Why have I been given this medication?

medicine



Some medications are taken as a 'course of treatment' to cure a condition.

Anticonvulsant medications are different.

You need to take them every day to try and stop seizures from happening.

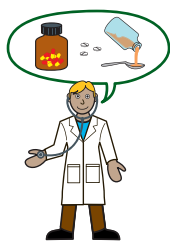
no seizure



There are different kinds of anticonvulsants for different types of epilepsy. You may need to take more than one anticonvulsant to stop your seizures.

When do I take my medication?

medication advice



Your doctor will tell you when to take your medication.

Different kinds of anticonvulsants are taken in different ways.

You should take your medication the way the doctor says. If you do not take them in the right way they might not work very well.

medicine



You should not stop taking your medication without talking to your doctor. Suddenly stopping your medication might make seizures start again.

When will I feel better?

feeling better



It is hard to say how long it will take for your medication to work.

Some people's medication will start to work quickly.

For some people it may take a longer as they might need to try different medications.

no seizure



The best way to see if your medication is working is to see if your seizures stop or if you are having less seizures. You might want to keep a seizure diary to check this.

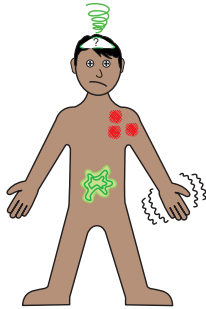
talk to your doctor



Sometimes a person with epilepsy who has had no seizures for 2 years could ask about stopping their medication. Your medication should only be stopped slowly over several months. You would need to talk to your Doctor about this.

Will there be side effects?

side effects



Like all medication anticonvulsants can have side effects.

The side effects will be different depending on which anticonvulsant you take. Different people can have different side effects on the same medication.

medication list



Some people think the side effects are better than having seizures.

The side effects will be listed in the patient information leaflet that comes with the medication.

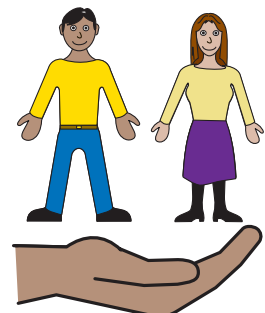
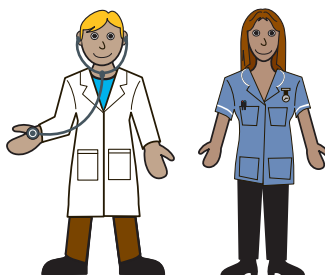
Who do I speak to if I have problems?

speak

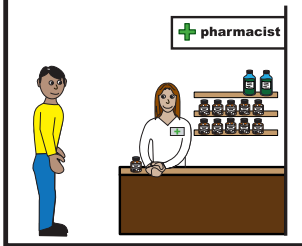


If you have any problems with your medication you should tell your

• Pharmacist • Doctor • Epilepsy specialist • Nurse • Carer

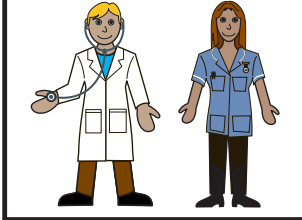


pharmacist



If you want more information about your medication ask your **pharmacist**

doctor and nurse



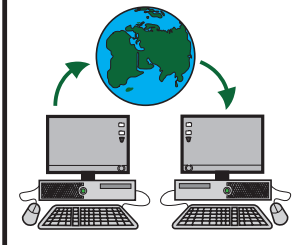
or you could ask your **doctor or nurse**

phone 111



You can get information and advice about your health by calling **111**

website



Or visiting the NHS Choices website at **www.nhs.uk**