Patient Information Sheet - Gabapentin Vaginal Cream

This medicine was compounded specifically for you in a pharmacy in order to fill the prescription your doctor wrote for you. It was specifically made to meet your individual needs. For this reason, no standardized information or literature is available with your prescription. If you have not done so, please discuss this medicine with your doctor to ensure that you understand (1) why a compounded medication has been prescribed, (2) how to properly take this medication, and (3) the interactions, if any, this medicine may have with any other medicines you are taking.

Compounding is a long-standing pharmacy practice that allows doctors to treat their patients' individual needs without being restricted only to off-the-shelf medicines or devices. This medicine was prepared in a compounding pharmacy to meet the specifications ordered by your doctor.

Call your doctor if you experience any side effects, if you are taking additional medicines that may interact with this compounded medicine, or if you have allergies or other medical conditions that should be noted. Call our pharmacists if information on the label is not clear to you or you have any concerns regarding precautions, ingredients, or proper storage. Our pharmacists are available to address any additional questions or concerns.

Medication: This compounded prescription contains gabapentin, a neuropathic pain relieving agent.

Use: This medication is typically prescribed to treat vaginal pain syndromes, such as vulvodynia (chronic pain of the vulva, which is the entrance to the vagina) or dyspareunia (pain with intercourse). It may also be used to treat other conditions as determined by your prescriber.

Side Effects: Often, topical medications provide more localized effects, reducing systemic side effects by circumventing vital organs. Local irritation is possible, which may cause burning, tingling or redness at the site of application. Fatigue has also been reported.

Precautions: Please contact your prescriber if you experience any of the following rare but serious side effects: difficulty breathing or swallowing, nausea, vomiting, blurred vision, twitching, low blood pressure, weakness, dizziness or fainting, as these may be due to too much medication being absorbed into your bloodstream.

Dosage and Administration: This medication is typically dispensed in a tube for topical application. Typical dosage is gabapentin 6% with directions to apply a small amount to the vaginal area up to three times daily for at least 8 weeks. However some formulations and directions may be adjusted as determined by your prescriber.

Storage, Beyond Use Dating and Disposal: The Beyond Use Date is a scientifically derived "expiration" date for each unique formulation, and storage depends on the stability of each individual formulation. Controlled room temperature storage is 68-77℉, and storage under refrigeration is 36-46℉. Please refer to your medication label and auxiliary labels for specific storage requirements and beyond use dating. For information on medication destruction, please visit www.fda.gov and search how to dispose of unused medicines.

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