

Information sheet for Lamotrigine

Although it is not licenced for use in headache, it is used by Headache Specialists.

Lamotrigine is a drug used for the treatment of epilepsy. Like many other epilepsy drugs, Lamotrigine has been found to be useful in the treatment of migraine, particularly in migraine with aura and migraine associated with balance problems.

The dosing schedule is:

Week 1	25mg a day
Week 3	50mg a day
Week 6	75mg a day
Week 9	100mg a day

You need to be taking the maximum dose or the maximum dose you can tolerate without unacceptable side effects for at least 8 weeks before potential benefit can be judged.

Side effects

The main side effect is a skin rash which can be quite severe in rare instances. There may also be mood disturbances. If there are any side-effects, stop the tablets and report immediately to your GP.

Interaction with the oral contraceptive pill

There is no interaction with the combined oral contraceptive pill but the contraceptive pill may reduce the effectiveness of Lamotrigine by reducing blood levels.

This leaflet is intended to provide a brief overview of aspects of this treatment protocol. It is not intended as a substitute for the comprehensive 'product information' leaflet found inside all boxes of medication. The 'product information' leaflet should always be read before taking medication. **Your prescribing doctor will discuss the risks and benefits of the medication as it relates to you and answer any further questions you may have.**