

PATIENT INFORMATION

Topiramate (Topamax) in Migraine Attacks

Topiramate is a preventative medication for migraine which is found to be effective in a significant proportion of patients. It should not be used by patients who have a history of glaucoma or renal stones and women of child- bearing age should take adequate contraceptive precautions.

Side effects

As with all medications, there are potential side effects in a small number of patients. The most often reported are: tiredness, pins and needles in the fingers and toes, weight loss, forgetfulness, difficulty in sleeping (insomnia), anxiety, mood swings and depression.

If you develop any eye symptoms, particularly in the first few weeks of treatment, you should tell your doctor immediately.

Dosage:

	Morning	Evening
Week 1	-	25mg
Week 2	25mg	25mg
Week 3	25mg	50mg
Week 4	50mg	50mg
After 4 weeks	Maintain 50mg morning and evening	

You should avoid getting pregnant while on this treatment.

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