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- SEDATIVE ANTIDEPRESSANT
- ONCE NIGHTLY DOSAGE

Indications: depression with or without anxiety. Contraindications: glaucoma, urinary retention, hypersensitivity to the drug. Side effects: dry mouth and drowsiness most commonly reported. Precautions: Sinequan may potentiate other compounds — e.g. monoamine oxidase inhibitors; not recommended in pregnancy or children under 12 years of age. Dosage: range 30 mg to 300 mg daily in divided doses, up to 100 mg may be given as a single dose at night. Packs and Basic N.I.S. Cost: 10 mg capsules (PL 57/5032), pack of 100, £2.98; 25 mg capsules (PL 57/5033), pack of 100, £4.24; 50 mg capsules (PL 57/5034) pack of 100, £7.01; 75 mg capsules (PL 57/5033), pack of 60, £8.64.

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**Presentation**

1. Epileptics 200 mg enteric-coated tablet containing 200 mg sodium valproate
2. Epileptics tablets
3. Epileptics 500 mg enteric-coated tablet containing 500 mg sodium valproate
4. Epileptics syrup

**Uses**

In the treatment of generalized tonic or clonic seizures in children and adults. Epileptics should not be used in dependence on anticonvulsant medication as there are no adequate studies in this population on the use of the drug in seizure prophylaxis.

**Dosage and Administration**

Epileptics should preferably be taken with or after food enteric-coated and plain tablets should be swallowed whole and not crushed or divided. It is recommended that optimum dosage be established using the 200 mg enteric-coated tablet. Epileptics 500 mg enteric-coated tablet is recommended for patients requiring high doses.

Adults: dosage should start at 800 mg/day in divided doses, increasing by 200 mg/day at three-day intervals until control is achieved. For children with partial seizures, the initial dose should be 15 mg/kg/day in three divided doses, increasing at intervals of 3-5 days to a maximum of 200 mg/kg/day in three divided doses. For children with primary generalised tonic-clonic seizures, the initial dose should be 500 mg/day in three divided doses, increasing at intervals of 3-5 days to a maximum of 2000 mg/day in three divided doses. The maintenance dose should be adjusted according to the response of the patient and the severity of the seizures. The maximum recommended daily dose of Epileptics syrup is 2000 mg/day in three divided doses.

Children: in children, the initial dose should be 20 mg/kg/day in three divided doses, increasing at intervals of 3-5 days to a maximum of 50 mg/kg/day in three divided doses.

**Contraindications, Warnings, etc.**

Ler van der Velde's type of hepatic failure reaction, resembling idiosyncratic failure, has occurred in patients who have received high doses of sodium valproate. In one patient, the reaction occurred after the first six months of therapy, and the period of maximum risk being 1-2 weeks. Thus, when a drug is discontinued, the patient should be closely monitored for at least six months. In patients with a history of liver disease, or with severe or biliary disease, Epileptics should be used with caution.

**Pharmacological Precautions**

Patients should be advised to discontinue the drug if they experience any adverse effects, such as nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain, or rash. The drug should be tapered gradually to minimize withdrawal symptoms. If the drug is not tolerated, an alternative anticonvulsant should be considered. Patients should be monitored for signs of hyponatremia and hyperglycemia, as these can indicate the need for dose reduction. Cardiac monitoring should be considered in patients with heart disease.

**Additional information**

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**References:**
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