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GENERIC NAME(S): Topiramate

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Topiramate is used alone or with other [medications](#) to prevent and control [seizures \(epilepsy\)](#). This [medication](#) is also used to prevent [migraine headaches](#) and decrease how often you get them. Topiramate will not treat a [migraine headache](#) once it occurs. If you get a [migraine headache](#), treat it as directed by your doctor (such as by taking pain medication, lying down in a dark room).

Topiramate is known as an anticonvulsant or antiepileptic drug.

How to use Topamax

Read the [Medication Guide](#) and, if available, the Patient Information Leaflet provided by your [pharmacist](#) before you start taking [topiramate](#) and each time you get a refill. If you have any questions, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

Take this medication by [mouth](#) with or without food as directed by your doctor, usually twice daily. Swallow the tablets whole since breaking them may leave a bitter taste. To prevent [kidney stones](#) from forming, drink plenty of liquids while taking this medication unless your doctor instructs you otherwise.

Dosage is based on your medical condition and response to treatment. For children, the dosage is also based on [weight](#). Your doctor will gradually increase your dose to reduce your risk of side effects. For some conditions, you may start treatment with topiramate once daily at [bedtime](#) and slowly increase your dose to twice a day. It may take several weeks or months to reach the best dose for you and to get the full benefit from this medication.

Take this medication regularly to get the most benefit from it. To help you remember, take it at the same times each day. Do not stop taking this medication without consulting your doctor. Some conditions may become worse when this drug is suddenly stopped. Your dose may need to be gradually decreased.

Tell your doctor if your condition persists or if it worsens.

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