

Managing Partial-Onset Seizures

Partner With Your Healthcare Provider

Having partial-onset seizures means you have a lot to consider as you look for a treatment plan that works best for you. Partnering with your healthcare provider is one important way you can take control of your own care. By working as a team, you, your family, and your doctor are headed toward the same goal: not settling for being just “okay.”

Use the following guide to help you get the conversation started at your next visit. Bring this guide with you to your next appointment.

This information has been provided for your education and to improve communication with your healthcare team.

<p>SHARE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Your Seizure Tracker• The timing of your seizures• What may have triggered your seizure• What your seizure was like• Your feelings about your seizures and how it is affecting your life• Other medications that you are currently taking• _____	<p>ASK</p> <p>About partial-onset seizures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What are partial-onset seizures?• What causes partial-onset seizures?• How will I know if I’m going to have one?• What are the common triggers of seizures?• How do I avoid triggers?• What do you need to know about me and my seizures?• What would seizure control look like for me?
<p>SHARE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How you are taking your medications• The time of day you take your medications• If you missed any doses and why• If you are experiencing side effects• Any changes in mood or behavior• Anything that is getting in your way of treating your epilepsy• _____	<p>ASK</p> <p>About treatments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How do you determine which treatment(s) might be right for me? What information do you need to make that decision?• Will I stay on one treatment for a long period of time?• How will you determine if I need another medicine to treat my partial onset seizures?• Is surgery an option?• What are all of the treatment options available to me?• How can I manage side effects from my medication?• If I cannot manage my side effects, should we discuss a change in my medication(s)?
<p>SHARE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Setting Goals tool• Your personal and treatment goals• _____• _____• _____• _____• _____	<p>ASK</p> <p>About day-to-day management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How do I talk to my friends, family, and coworkers about my seizures?• Are there support organizations near me for people with epilepsy?• Are there any online support resources that you would recommend?• Are there any counseling or job support services you would recommend?• What activities should I be cautious about participating in?• How would an antiepileptic medication affect my daily life?

What is VIMPAT?

VIMPAT is a prescription medicine that can be used alone or with other medicines to treat partial-onset seizures in people 17 years of age and older.

What is the most important information I should know about VIMPAT?

Do not stop taking VIMPAT without first talking to your healthcare provider.

Stopping VIMPAT suddenly can cause serious problems. Stopping seizure medicine suddenly in a patient who has epilepsy can cause seizures that will not stop.

VIMPAT can cause serious side effects, including:

1. Like other antiepileptic drugs, VIMPAT may cause suicidal thoughts or actions in a very small number of people, about 1 in 500.

Call a healthcare provider right away if you have any of these symptoms, especially if they are new, worse, or worry you:

- thoughts about suicide or dying
 - attempt to commit suicide
 - new or worse depression
 - new or worse anxiety
 - feeling agitated or restless
 - panic attacks
 - trouble sleeping (insomnia)
 - new or worse irritability
 - acting aggressive, being angry, or violent
 - acting on dangerous impulses
 - an extreme increase in activity and talking (mania)
 - other unusual changes in behavior or mood
2. VIMPAT may cause you to feel dizzy, have double vision, feel sleepy, or have problems with coordination and walking. Do not drive, operate heavy machinery, or do other dangerous activities until you know how VIMPAT affects you.
 3. VIMPAT may cause you to have an irregular heart beat or may cause you to faint. Call your healthcare provider if you have:
 - fast, slow, or pounding heartbeat
 - shortness of breath
 - feel lightheaded
 - fainted or if you feel like you are going to faint
 4. VIMPAT is a federally controlled substance (C-V) because it can be abused or lead to drug dependence. Keep your VIMPAT in a safe place, to protect it from theft. Never give your VIMPAT to anyone else, because it may harm them.

What should I tell my healthcare provider before taking VIMPAT?

Before you take VIMPAT, tell your healthcare provider, if you:

- have or have had depression, mood problems or suicidal thoughts or behavior
- have heart problems
- have kidney problems
- have liver problems
- have abused prescription medicines, street drugs or alcohol in the past
- have any other medical problems
- are pregnant or plan to become pregnant
- are breastfeeding or plan to breastfeed.

What are the possible side effects of VIMPAT?

See “What is the most important information I should know about VIMPAT?”

VIMPAT may cause other serious side effects including:

VIMPAT may cause a serious allergic reaction that may affect your skin or other parts of your body such as your liver or blood cells. Call your healthcare provider right away if you have:

- a skin rash, hives
- fever or swollen glands that do not go away
- shortness of breath, swelling of the legs, yellowing of the skin or whites of the eyes, or dark urine.

The most common side effects of VIMPAT include:

- dizziness
- headache
- double vision
- nausea

These are not all of the possible side effects of VIMPAT. For more information ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist. Tell your healthcare provider about any side effect that bothers you or that does not go away. Call your healthcare provider for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088. You may also report side effects to UCB, Inc. at UCBCares (1-844-599-CARE [2273]).

Please see additional patient information in the Medication Guide. This information does not take the place of talking with your healthcare provider about your condition or your treatment. For more information, go to www.vimpat.com or call 1-844-599-2273.

