

Parent/Carer's Information Leaflet

STIRIPENTOL

(Diacomit)

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Stiripentol (also called Diacomit)

Stiripentol is a medicine used to treat epilepsies. It is useful in combination with other antiepileptic drugs to control generalised seizures.

The medicine is available as

- 250 mg and 500 mg capsules.
- 250 mg and 500 mg sachets.

How do I use it?

- The precise dose is based on your child's weight. Follow the dose plan worked out by your doctor.
- If there are problems swallowing tablets then the sachets may be used.
- The medicine is at the correct dosage when your child is free of seizures (fits) and has no side effects.

What if your child misses a dose?

- If a dose is forgotten, and you remember up to 4 hours after missing the dose, give the forgotten dose as soon as you can
- If you remember only at or near the time the next dose is due, just give your usual dose. **Do not** give any extra Stiripentol.
- If your child vomits within 15 minutes of taking it, give the dose again; if your child vomits after 15 minutes of taking it, **do not** give it again, until the next dose is due.

Can they stop taking it?

- If your child has been taking Stiripentol **do not stop it suddenly** as this could cause a seizure.
- Keep a seizure diary if you can and remember to always bring it and all the

medications with you to clinic appointments.

Can I use it with other medicines?

- Most over-the-counter medicines, antibiotics and Paracetamol (Calpol®) can be taken safely with Stiripentol.
- Stiripentol can cause increased drowsiness with certain anti-depressants. Tell your doctor about all the medicines your child is taking before being prescribed any new drug.
- Stiripentol will increase the effect of some antiepileptic medication.

Be sure that a doctor prescribing your child any other medicine knows that your child is taking Stiripentol

What are the common side effects?

Side effects may occur in some patients, but symptoms are generally mild or only moderately troublesome.

- The most common side effects are drowsiness, sickness and vomiting
- Reduced appetite and weight loss
- Tremor and feeling unsteady
- Irritability and sleep disturbances

If you are worried about any side effects your child may be experiencing, then please contact your doctor or specialist nurse.

For further information please refer to the manufacturer's leaflet.