



Lacosamide Regime in Headache and Facial Pain Syndromes:

Lacosamide is used to treat the pain of some neuropathic disorders. Recently it has been used in some neuralgiform head and facial pain syndromes, with promising results. The dose has to be increased gradually as given below. Continue increasing the dose until it is effective at suppressing your headaches or you reach the maximum dose of 400 mg daily.

	Morning	Evening
For 7 days take		50 mgs
For 7 days take	50 mgs	50 mgs
For 7 days take	100 mgs	100 mgs
For 7 days take	150 mgs	150 mgs
Thereafter take:	200 mgs	200 mgs

Side-effects:

Possible side effects include: nausea, dizziness, somnolence, fatigue, poor balance, vision abnormality and tremor. If you start to get any side effects please let your General Practitioner or Neurologist know as soon as possible.

Pregnancy and Breast feeding :

Lacosamide is not recommended if you are pregnant, planning a pregnancy or are breastfeeding. Women of childbearing age should take adequate contraceptive precautions.

This leaflet should be read in conjunction with the product characteristic leaflet that can be found inside all boxes of medication. The use of any medicine is based on considerations of how benefits outweigh potential side effects. **Your prescribing doctor will discuss the risks and benefits of the medication as it relates to you and answer any further questions you may have.**

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