



VALPROATE* GUIDE FOR MEN OF REPRODUCTIVE POTENTIAL

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VALPROATE (EPILIM®)

PATIENT GUIDE FOR MEN OF REPRODUCTIVE POTENTIAL: WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

If you are a man taking any medicine containing valproate, this guide is for you. It contains key information about the potential risk of taking valproate when fathering a child.

Ask your doctor or pharmacist if you have any questions.

KEEP THIS GUIDE. YOU MAY NEED TO READ IT AGAIN.

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What are the risks of taking valproate* when fathering a child

A study indicated a higher risk of impaired mental and/or motor development in children born to fathers treated with valproate at time of conception, compared to lamotrigine or levetiracetam, other medicines that can be used to treat your disease.

Therefore, if you father a child while you are treated with valproate, a risk of impaired mental and/or motor development of the child cannot be excluded.

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What does this mean for you?

As a precautionary measure your doctor will discuss with you (and/or your parent/ caregiver):

- ☐ The potential risk of fathering a child if you are treated with valproate.
- ☐ The alternative treatments available for you.
- ☐ The need to use effective contraception.



At treatment initiation and during an annual visit, both yourself and your doctor will read a Risk Acknowledgement Form to ensure you know and understand the risks related to the use of valproate when fathering a child.

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