

Bupropion Capsule

Active Ingredient

Bupropion

What is in this leaflet

This leaflet contains some information about your medication. It does not take the place of talking to your doctor or pharmacist. All medicines have risks and benefits. Your doctor has weighed the risks of you taking this medication against the positive benefits they expect it will have for you. **If you have any concerns about taking this medicine, please contact us again or speak with your doctor or pharmacist for more information.** Keep this leaflet with the medicine as you may need to read it again in the future.

What it is used for

This medication contains the active ingredient Bupropion. Bupropion is used to help you stop smoking, with appropriate counselling, by reducing withdrawal symptoms and the urge to smoke. It is believed to interact with chemicals in the brain to decrease cravings.

Bupropion may also be used to help improve mood. Only take this medication for the condition your doctor has prescribed it.

Before you take Bupropion

When you must NOT take it:

- If you are allergic to the active ingredient
- If the medication is expired or has not been stored correctly
- If you suffer from fits or seizures
- If you have an eating disorder, or are withdrawing from alcohol or benzodiazepines

Let us know if you are:

- Pregnant, planning on becoming pregnant, or breastfeeding
- Have any heart problems or high blood pressure
- Suffer from any other medical conditions or take any other medications

How to take Bupropion

How much to take

Please take this medication as directed by your doctor or pharmacist. Refer to the directions on the product label if required. Bupropion is normally started at a lower dose, and increased over the first few days, to decrease the risk of side effects. Depending on what the medication is being used for, doses may differ.

How to take it

Swallow the capsule whole with a glass of water, usually in the morning. Take with food to reduce stomach upset. Do NOT crush or chew the capsule. If you are taking two capsules per day, take one capsule in the morning and one at night at least 8 hours apart.

If this medication is being used for smoking, it should be taken for at least 7 days BEFORE you stop smoking, as it may take a while to take effect. Set a date to quit smoking in the second week of taking this medication.

If you forget to take it

If it is almost time for your next dose, skip the dose you missed and take your next dose as normal. **Do not take two doses to make up for a dose you missed.**

If you take too much (overdose)

Immediately contact your doctor, the Poisons Information Centre (telephone 13 11 26) or go to the Accident and Emergency at the nearest hospital.

Side effects

Please let us or your doctor know as soon as possible if you do not feel well while taking this medication.

Common side-effects you may experience include:

- Difficulty sleeping, dry mouth and nausea.
- Speak to your doctor or pharmacist if you experience:
- Irritability, anxiety, mood changes, depression

If you have a fit or seizure, tell your doctor as soon as you have recovered. Do not take anymore Bupropion capsules until you have spoken to your doctor.

For a full list of possible side effects please contact us.

Storage

Expires 6 months after preparation. Store your medication in a cool, dry place that is below 25°C and away from sunlight.

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