

Stiripentol

Usage

Stiripentol is an anti-seizure medication used to control seizures associated with Dravet Syndrome (DS), in conjunction with at least 2 other anti-seizure medications.

Stiripentol must be prescribed by a doctor. You should never give your child anyone else's medication.

Side Effects

Below are some of the possible side effects your child may experience.

- Loss of appetite
- Weight loss, especially when administered with sodium valproate
- Drowsiness, fatigue
- Unsteadiness
- Floppiness
- Abnormal tone (dystonia), tremor, additional movements (hyperkinesia)
- Insomnia
- Nausea and vomiting
- Altered behaviour: aggressiveness and irritability
- Low white blood cell count (neutropenia) or raised liver function tests (GGT)

Dangerous side effects:

- Rash, photosensitivity, urticaria

Interactions

- Stiripentol can increase levels of clobazam and valproate by interfering with how these medications are processed by the body. Your Doctor may reduce the dose of these medications due to expected interactions.
- Your Doctor will check and make sure that other drugs your child is taking are compatible with Stiripentol. This is also important if you are giving your child herbal or complementary medicines.

Need-to-know

- Stiripentol should be taken with food, as stiripentol degrades rapidly in the acid environment of an empty stomach.

Monitoring and medication levels

- There is no need to do regular drug level monitoring with Stiripentol. Routine blood counts, liver function tests and other drug levels may be monitored at regular intervals according to your Doctor.

Pregnancy and contraception

- Stiripentol can potentially cause abnormalities in the baby. If a pregnancy is planned, a discussion with your neurologist is recommended. For further information, refer to the Contraception and Pregnancy section.