

Pregabalin review

Over the next number of months we will be reviewing all patients within the practice who are taking a drug called pregabalin.

What's Pregabalin used for?

Pregabalin is used for the treatment of epilepsy, nerve (neuropathic) pain and for a type of anxiety called Generalised Anxiety Disorder (GAD).

Unfortunately this drug has the potential to lead to abuse/misuse and dependence.

If pregabalin is taken with another central nervous system depressant (e.g. alcohol), the effects may be additive and may lead to excessive drowsiness, sedation, respiratory depression and may be very dangerous.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this review please speak to the practice pharmacist or a GP.

Repeat and acute prescribing

Please be aware that within this practice the list of medicines that you take are divided into 2 groups. These are referred to as REPEAT or ACUTE.

Your REPEAT medicines include preparations that you take on a regular basis (e.g. every day) and have been taking for some time. An example of these may be your blood pressure tablets. These may be given in larger quantities (e.g. up to 3 months at a time).

Your ACUTE medicines may include medicines that you have recently started; or others that require careful monitoring such as strong pain-killers or diazepam. These must be reviewed every time you order them and so may require more time to process within the practice. Normally you will only be provided with 28 days' supply of these medicines.

PLEASE LEAVE 48 HOURS FOR THE COLLECTION OF PRESCRIPTIONS