

## **Pregabalin**

### **INDICATIONS:**

1. Adjunct in partial seizures
2. Anxiety
3. Neuropathic pain
4. Fibromyalgia

### **SAFETY ALERT:**

#### **1. Adverse Drug Reactions:**

Somnolence, dizziness, headache, diplopia, blurred vision, vertigo, fatigue, arthralgia, irritability, muscle cramps, back and limb pain, cervical spasm, disorientation, insomnia, nasopharyngitis, ataxia, tremor, dysarthria, amnesia, paraesthesia, hypoaesthesia, lethargy, sedation, oedema, peripheral oedema, dry mouth, constipation, diarrhoea, vomiting, nausea, flatulence, abdominal distension, increased appetite, wt. gain, euphoria, confusion, reduced libido, erectile dysfunction; attention, memory coordination and gait disturbances; fall, feeling drunk, abnormal feeling. Rarely SJS, rhabdomyolysis, breast enlargement, gynaecomastia. angioedema

#### **2. Drug interactions:**

May potentiate the effects of lorazepam. Additive CNS depressant effects with opiates and benzodiazepines. May increase risk of angioedema with ACE inhibitors. May increase risk of weight gain and peripheral oedema with thiazolidinediones.

#### **3. Precautions:**

Patient with history of angioedema episodes, severe CV diseases, renal impairment. Avoid abrupt withdrawal. Pregnancy and lactation. Patient counseling – may impair ability to drive, operate machinery or engage in hazardous activities. Monitoring parameters – monitor visual disturbances. Closely observe for clinical worsening, suicidality and unusual changes in behaviour