

behavior, or thoughts about self-harm. Behaviors of concern should be reported immediately to healthcare providers.

**Dizziness and Ataxia:** Patients should be counseled that lacosamide tablets use may cause dizziness, double vision, abnormal coordination and balance, and somnolence. Patients taking lacosamide tablets should be advised not to drive, operate complex machinery, or engage in other hazardous activities until they have become accustomed to any such effects associated with lacosamide tablets.

**Cardiac Rhythm and Conduction Abnormalities:** Patients should be counseled that lacosamide tablets are associated with electrocardiographic changes that may predispose to irregular beat and syncope, particularly in patients with underlying cardiovascular disease, with heart conduction problems or who are taking other medications that affect the heart. Patients who develop syncope should lay down with raised legs and contact their health care provider.

**Multiorgan Hypersensitivity Reactions:** Patients should be aware that lacosamide tablets may cause serious hypersensitivity reactions affecting multiple organs such as the liver and kidney. Lacosamide tablets should be discontinued if a serious hypersensitivity reaction is suspected. Patients should also be instructed to report promptly to their physicians any symptoms of liver toxicity (e.g., fatigue, jaundice, dark urine).

**Pregnancy Registry:** Advise patients to notify their healthcare provider if they become pregnant or intend to become pregnant during lacosamide therapy. Encourage patients to enroll in the North American Antiepileptic Drug (NAAED) pregnancy registry if they become pregnant. This registry is collecting information about the safety of AEDs during pregnancy. To enroll, patients can call the toll free number 1-888-233-2334 [*see Use in Specific Populations (8.1)*].

## MEDICATION GUIDE

### LACOSAMIDE TABLETS



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**50 mg, 100 mg, 150 mg and 200 mg**

Read this Medication Guide before you start taking lacosamide tablets and each time you get a refill. There may be new information. This Medication Guide describes important safety information about lacosamide tablets. This information does not take the place of talking to your healthcare provider about your medical condition or treatment.

**What is the most important information I should know about lacosamide tablets?**

**Do not stop taking lacosamide tablets without first talking to your healthcare provider.** Stopping lacosamide tablets suddenly can cause serious problems.

**Lacosamide tablets can cause serious side effects, including:**

1. **Like other antiepileptic drugs, lacosamide tablets may cause suicidal thoughts or actions in a very small number of people, about 1 in 500.**

**Call a healthcare provider right away if you have any of these symptoms, especially if they are new, worse, or worry you:**

- thoughts about suicide or dying
- attempt to commit suicide
- new or worse depression
- new or worse anxiety
- feeling agitated or restless
- panic attacks
- trouble sleeping (insomnia)
- new or worse irritability
- acting aggressive, being angry, or violent
- acting on dangerous impulses
- an extreme increase in activity and talking (mania)
- other unusual changes in behavior or mood

**How can I watch for early symptoms of suicidal thoughts and actions?**

- Pay attention to any changes, especially sudden changes, in mood, behaviors, thoughts, or feelings.
- Keep all follow-up visits with your healthcare provider as scheduled.
- Call your healthcare provider between visits as needed, especially if you are worried about symptoms.
- Suicidal thoughts or actions can be caused by things other than medicines. If you have suicidal thoughts or actions, your healthcare provider may check for other causes.
- **Do not stop lacosamide tablets without first talking to a healthcare provider.** Stopping lacosamide tablets suddenly can cause serious problems. Stopping seizure medicine suddenly in a patient who has epilepsy can cause seizures that will not stop (status epilepticus).

2. Lacosamide tablets may cause you to feel dizzy, have double vision, feel sleepy, or have problems with coordination and walking. Do not drive, operate heavy machinery, or do other dangerous activities until you know how lacosamide tablets affect you.
3. Lacosamide tablets may cause you to have an irregular heartbeat or may cause you to faint. Call your healthcare provider if you have:
  - fast, slow, or pounding heartbeat
  - shortness of breath
  - feel lightheaded
  - fainted or if you feel like you are going to faint

If you have fainted or feel like you are going to faint you should lay down with your legs raised.

4. Lacosamide is a federally controlled substance (C-V) because it can be abused or lead to drug dependence. Keep your lacosamide tablets in a safe place, to protect them from theft. Never give your lacosamide tablets to anyone else, because it may harm them. Selling or giving away this medicine is against the law.

### **What are lacosamide tablets?**

Lacosamide tablets are a prescription medicine that can be used with other medicines to treat partial-onset seizures in people 17 years of age and older.

It is not known if lacosamide tablets are safe and effective in children under 17 years of age.

### **What should I tell my healthcare provider before taking lacosamide tablets?**

#### **Before you take lacosamide tablets, tell your healthcare provider, if you:**

- have or have had depression, mood problems or suicidal thoughts or behavior
- have heart problems
- have kidney problems
- have liver problems
- have abused prescription medicines, street drugs or alcohol in the past
- have any other medical problems
- are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. It is not known if lacosamide tablets can harm your unborn baby. Tell your healthcare provider right away if you become pregnant while taking lacosamide tablets. You and your healthcare provider will decide if you should take lacosamide tablets while you are pregnant.
  - If you become pregnant while taking lacosamide tablets, talk to your healthcare provider about registering with the North American Antiepileptic Drug Pregnancy Registry. You can enroll in this registry by calling 1-888-233-2334. The purpose of this registry is to collect information about the safety of antiepileptic medicine during pregnancy.
- are breast-feeding or plan to breast-feed. It is not known if lacosamide passes into your breast milk or if it can harm your baby. Talk to your healthcare provider about the best way to feed your baby if you take lacosamide tablets.

**Tell your healthcare provider about all the medicines you take**, including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements.

Taking lacosamide tablets with certain other medicines may cause side effects or affect how well they work. Do not start or stop other medicines without talking to your healthcare provider. Know the medicines you take. Keep a list of them and show it to your healthcare provider and pharmacist each time you get a new medicine.

### **How should I take lacosamide tablets?**

- Take lacosamide tablets exactly as your healthcare provider tells you.
- Your healthcare provider will tell you how much lacosamide to take and when to take it.
- Your healthcare provider may change your dose if needed.
- Do not stop lacosamide tablets without first talking to a healthcare provider. Stopping lacosamide tablets suddenly in a patient who has epilepsy can cause seizures that will not stop (status epilepticus).
- Lacosamide tablets may be taken with or without food.
- If you take too much lacosamide, call your healthcare provider or local Poison Control Center right away.

### **What should I avoid while taking lacosamide tablets?**

Do not drive, operate heavy machinery, or do other dangerous activities until you know how lacosamide tablets affect you. Lacosamide tablets may cause you to feel dizzy, have double vision, feel sleepy, or have problems with coordination and walking.

### **What are the possible side effects of lacosamide tablets?**

See “What is the most important information I should know about lacosamide tablets?”.

### **Lacosamide tablets may cause other serious side effects including:**

Lacosamide tablets may cause a serious allergic reaction that may affect your skin or other parts of your body such as your liver or blood cells. Call your healthcare provider right away if you have:

- a skin rash, hives
- fever or swollen glands that do not go away
- shortness of breath, swelling of the legs, yellowing of the skin or whites of the eyes, or dark urine.

### **The most common side effects of lacosamide tablets include:**

- double vision
- headache
- dizziness
- nausea

These are not all of the possible side effects of lacosamide tablets. For more information ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist. Tell your healthcare provider about any side effect that bothers you or that does not go away.

**Call your healthcare provider for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.**

### **How should I store lacosamide tablets?**

- Store at 20° to 25°C (68° to 77°F).

## **Keep lacosamide tablets and all medicines out of the reach of children**

### **General Information about the safe and effective use of lacosamide tablets**

Medicines are sometimes prescribed for purposes other than those listed in a Medication Guide. Do not use lacosamide tablets for a condition for which it was not prescribed. Do not give lacosamide tablets to other people, even if they have the same symptoms that you have. It may harm them.

This Medication Guide summarizes the most important information about lacosamide tablets. If you would like more information, talk with your healthcare provider. You can ask your pharmacist or healthcare provider for information about lacosamide tablets that is written for health professionals.

For more information, call Mylan Pharmaceuticals Inc. at 1-877-446-3679 (1-877-4-INFO-RX).

### **What are the ingredients in lacosamide tablets?**

**Active ingredient:** lacosamide

**Tablet inactive ingredients:** colloidal silicon dioxide, crospovidone, hydroxypropyl cellulose, magnesium stearate, microcrystalline cellulose, polyethylene glycol, polyvinyl alcohol and talc. The 50 mg, 100 mg and 200 mg tablets also contain titanium dioxide.

Lacosamide tablets are supplied as debossed tablets and contain the following coloring agents:

- **100 mg tablets:** black iron oxide, red iron oxide and yellow iron oxide
- **150 mg tablets:** red iron oxide
- **200 mg tablets:** FD&C Blue No. 2/Indigo Carmine Aluminum Lake, red iron oxide, yellow iron oxide

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