

Divalproex Sodium

Quick Reference Guide for Teachers

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Possible Side Effects

- Diarrhea
- Dizziness
- Drowsiness
- Hair loss
- Burred/double vision
- Change in menstrual periods
- Ringing in ears
- Shaking (tremor)
- Unsteadiness
- Weight changes
- Chest pain
- Easy bruising/
unexplained bleeding
- Fast/irregular heartbeat
- Swelling of hands/feet
- Uncontrolled eye movement
- Dark urine
- Vomiting
- Severe stomach/abdominal pain,
- Yellowing of eyes or skin

Signs of infection: Fever, Persistent sore throat

When To Get Help

Seek immediate medical help if you see:

Symptoms of a serious allergic reaction:

- Rash
- Itching/swelling (of face/tongue/throat)
- Severe dizziness
- Trouble breathing

In case of overdose, contact the local poison centre or emergency room immediately. Symptoms of overdose include:

- Excessive drowsiness
- Coma
- Irregular/slowed/skipped heart beats (heart block)

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