

# Levetiracetam

## Usage

Levetiracetam is an anti convulsant used to control seizures/fits. It can be useful in multiple types of seizures. It has been found to be effective in focal, generalised and myoclonic seizure disorders. It must be prescribed by a doctor. You should never give your child anyone else's medications.

## Side Effects

**All medications have side effects. Not everyone will experience side effects. Below are some of the possible side effects your child may experience.**

Levetiracetam has a good side effect profile with very few drug interactions.

## Common Side Effects

- Drowsiness
- Behaviour or mood changes: e.g. anxiety, agitation, oppositional behaviour
- Aggression can occur and lead to cessation of drug
- Ataxia (unsteady walking)
- Dizziness

## Rare Side Effects

- Rash
- Blood disorders
- Liver dysfunction
- Suicidal ideation
- Psychosis

## Can other medications be given with Levetiracetam?

Your Doctor will check and make sure that other drugs your child is taking are compatible with Levetiracetam.

There are minimal drug interactions.

## Epilepsy and Pregnancy

Levetiracetam has a lower risk of malformations compared to other antiepileptic drugs. If a pregnancy is planned a discussion with your neurologist is recommended.

Any issues related to child bearing please refer to the PENNSW website:  
[www.PENNSW.com.au](http://www.PENNSW.com.au).

## What else do I need to Know?

If you have any questions please ask your doctor.

## Monitoring and Levels

Vitamin D may be affected by Levetiracetam so occasional blood tests may be performed.