



General Authority for Health Services for the Emirate of Abu Dhabi

**Al-Rahba Hospital  
Department of Pharmacy**

**Generic name: Carbamazepine**



**Why is this medication used?**

- It is used in the treatment of certain types of seizures disorders as partial seizures, generalized tonic –clonic seizures, mixed forms of these seizures.
- Idiopathic trigeminal neuralgia and trigeminal neuralgia secondary to multiple sclerosis.



**How should this medication be used?**

- Take your medication exactly as prescribed by your doctor.
- You must take the medication regularly on the same time every day.
- Take it with large amount of water or food to decrease GI upset.



**What special precautions should I follow?**

- It should be given under medical supervision.
- Notify your physician if you are taking any medications and about your past and current medical history.
- Tell your doctor if you are pregnant, planning to become pregnant or if you are breast feeding.
- Do not switch from one dosage form to another with out the physician's instructions.
- Abrupt withdrawal of carbamazepine may precipitate seizures.
- Do not suddenly stop taking the medication. If your doctor decides to discontinue the medication, he may do so gradually by decreasing the dose.
- Make sure to keep all appointment with your doctor and the laboratory.
- This medication may cause drowsiness or coma, make sure you know how to react before engaging in any activity that requires concentration as driving.
- You should Store this medication at room temperature, away from heat, moisture, and direct light. Keep all medications away from children.



**What should I do if I forget to take a dose?**

- Use the missed dose as soon as you remember, if it is almost time for your next dose, wait until then to use your medicine and skip the missed dose.
- You should not use two doses at the same time.



**What side effects can this medication cause?**

Dizziness, headache, ataxia, drowsiness, exhaustion, upset stomach, nausea, vomiting and allergic skin reaction.

**Notify your physician if you have any:**

Red itchy skin rash, easy bruising, swelling of the feet or lower legs, mouth sores and seizures.