

LACOSAMIDE INTERPHARMA

Consumer Medicine Information (CMI) summary

The [full CMI](#) on the next page has more details. If you are worried about using this medicine, speak to your doctor or pharmacist.

1. Why am I being given LACOSAMIDE INTERPHARMA?

LACOSAMIDE INTERPHARMA contains the active ingredient lacosamide. LACOSAMIDE INTERPHARMA is used in patients over 4 years in combination with other medicines to control epilepsy. For more information, see Section [1. Why am I being given LACOSAMIDE INTERPHARMA?](#) in the full CMI.

2. What should I know before I am given LACOSAMIDE INTERPHARMA?

Do not use if you have ever had an allergic reaction to LACOSAMIDE INTERPHARMA or any of the ingredients listed at the end of the CMI.

Talk to your doctor if you have any other medical conditions, take any other medicines, or are pregnant or plan to become pregnant or are breastfeeding.

For more information, see Section [2. What should I know before I am given LACOSAMIDE INTERPHARMA?](#) in the full CMI.

3. What if I am taking other medicines?

Some medicines may interfere with LACOSAMIDE INTERPHARMA and affect how it works. These include medicines to treat heart problems. A list of these medicines is in Section [3. What if I am taking other medicines?](#) in the full CMI.

4. How will I be given LACOSAMIDE INTERPHARMA?

LACOSAMIDE INTERPHARMA will be given to you by a doctor or nurse as a slow injection or infusion (drip) into a vein. The amount you are given will depend on your condition, body weight and whether or not you are taking any other medicines.

More instructions can be found in Section [4. How will I be given LACOSAMIDE INTERPHARMA?](#) in the full CMI.

5. What should I know while I am given LACOSAMIDE INTERPHARMA?

Things you should do	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Remind any doctor, dentist or pharmacist. you visit that you are using Lacosamide.• If you are about to be started on new medicine, tell your doctor or dentist that you are taking Lacosamide.• Before any surgery or emergency treatment tell your doctor or dentist that you are taking lacosamide.• Call your doctor straight away if you have symptom of depression or thoughts of harming yourself.• Tell you doctor if you become pregnant while using this medicine.
Driving or using machines	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• As with other antiepileptic medicines lacosamide may cause dizziness or drowsiness. This is more frequent at the beginning of treatment or after an increase in the dose.• If you are feeling dizzy or drowsy, do not drive a car, operate machinery, or do anything else that could be dangerous.
Drinking alcohol	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• As a safety precaution, do not take Lacosamide with alcohol.
Looking after your medicine	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• LACOSAMIDE INTERPHARMA Injection will be stored in the pharmacy or on the hospital ward. It is kept in a cool dry place where the temperature stays below 25°C. Do not freeze.

For more information, see Section [5. What should I know while I am given LACOSAMIDE INTERPHARMA?](#) in the full CMI.

6. Are there any side effects?

This medicine helps most people with epilepsy, but it may have unwanted side effects in a few people. Some common side effects include: dizziness or problems with balance, tremors, headache, feeling tired, drowsy or sleepy, forgetfulness, nausea, vomiting, itching, redness, itchiness or pain at the injection site. Some more serious side effects include heart palpitations or a rapid or irregular pulse, wheezing or difficulty breathing, swelling of the face, lips, tongue or other parts of the body, feelings of depression, aggression, agitation, thoughts of harming yourself, more frequent or more severe seizures, fainting or feeling lightheaded, double or blurred vision. For more information, including what to do if you have any side effects, see Section [6. Are there any side effects?](#) in the full CMI.

LACOSAMIDE INTERPHARMA

Active ingredient(s): *lacosamide*

Consumer Medicine Information (CMI)

This leaflet provides important information about using LACOSAMIDE INTERPHARMA. **You should also speak to your doctor or pharmacist if you would like further information or if you have any concerns or questions about using LACOSAMIDE INTERPHARMA.**

Where to find information in this leaflet:

- [1. Why am I being given LACOSAMIDE INTERPHARMA?](#)
- [2. What should I know before I am given LACOSAMIDE INTERPHARMA?](#)
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1. Why am I being given LACOSAMIDE INTERPHARMA?

LACOSAMIDE INTERPHARMA medicine belongs to a group of medicines called antiepileptics. These medicines are thought to work by controlling brain chemicals which send signals to nerves so that seizures do not happen.

LACOSAMIDE INTERPHARMA injection is used in patients over 4 years in combination with other medicines to control epilepsy. LACOSAMIDE INTERPHARMA injection can only be used by itself in patients over 16 years. Epilepsy is a condition where you have repeated seizures. There are many different types of seizures, ranging from mild to severe.

Your doctor may have prescribed this medicine for another reason.

Ask your doctor if you have any questions about why this medicine has been prescribed for you.

There is no evidence that LACOSAMIDE INTERPHARMA is addictive. This medicine is available only with a doctor's prescription.

LACOSAMIDE INTERPHARMA is not recommended for use in children under the age of 4 years as its safety and effectiveness has not been established in this age group.

2. What should I know before I am given LACOSAMIDE INTERPHARMA?

Warnings

Do not use LACOSAMIDE INTERPHARMA if:

- you are allergic to lacosamide or any of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet.

Symptoms of an allergic reaction may include:

- shortness of breath
- wheezing or difficulty breathing
- swelling of the face, lips, tongue or other parts of the body
- rash, itching or hives on the skin.
- Always check the ingredients to make sure you can use this medicine.

- **You should not be given LACOSAMIDE INTERPHARMA if you have, or have had, a heart condition causing an uneven heart beat.**

Before you are given it

Tell your doctor if you:

- are taking any other medicines, especially barbiturates (such as phenobarbitone) or any other antiepileptic medicines (such as carbamazepine, lamotrigine or levetiracetam)
- have allergies to any other substances, such as foods, preservatives, or dyes.

Tell your doctor if you have, or have had, any medical conditions, especially the following:

- heart problems
- kidney problems
- liver problems
- any mental health condition, such as depression

If you are not sure whether you should be given this medicine, talk to your doctor.

During treatment, you may be at risk of developing certain side effects. It is important you understand these risks and how to monitor for them. See additional information under Section [6. Are there any side effects?](#)

Pregnancy and breastfeeding

Check with your doctor if you are pregnant or intend to become pregnant.

LACOSAMIDE INTERPHARMA may affect your developing baby if you take it during pregnancy. However, it is very important to control your seizures while you are pregnant. Your doctor will weigh up all the risks and benefits of

taking LACOSAMIDE INTERPHARMA during pregnancy to help decide whether or not you should be given it.

Talk to your doctor if you are breastfeeding or intend to breastfeed.

Your doctor will discuss the risks and benefits of using LACOSAMIDE INTERPHARMA during breastfeeding.

If you have not told your doctor about any of the above, tell them before you start taking LACOSAMIDE INTERPHARMA.

3. What if I am taking other medicines?

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking any other medicines, including any medicines, vitamins or supplements that you buy without a prescription from your pharmacy, supermarket or health food shop.

Some medicines and LACOSAMIDE INTERPHARMA may interfere with each other. These include:

- medicines to treat heart problems
- medicine which may have an effect on your heart beat such as carbamazepine, lamotrigine or pregabalin.

LACOSAMIDE INTERPHARMA does not interact with the oral contraceptive pill.

However, you may be given LACOSAMIDE INTERPHARMA together with other antiepileptic medicines that do interact and they may affect the effectiveness of your contraceptive. Your doctor may advise you to use an additional method of contraception if you take LACOSAMIDE INTERPHARMA with other antiepileptic medicines.

Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure about what medicines, vitamins or supplements you are taking and if these affect LACOSAMIDE INTERPHARMA.

4. How will I be given LACOSAMIDE INTERPHARMA?

How much will be given

- LACOSAMIDE INTERPHARMA Injection will be given to you by a doctor or nurse as a slow injection or infusion (drip) into a vein.
- The amount of LACOSAMIDE INTERPHARMA you will be given will depend on your condition, body weight and whether or not you are taking any other medicines.

Your doctor may start you on a low dose of LACOSAMIDE INTERPHARMA first of 50 mg or 100 mg twice a day. Your doctor may slowly increase your dose up until a maximum of 300 mg twice a day, until you are taking enough to control your epilepsy and you are not having any seizures.

For use in children weighing less than 50kg, the doctor may start you on a low dose of LACOSAMIDE INTERPHARMA injection first of 0.1 mL/kg twice a day. The doctor may slowly increase your dose up to a maximum of

0.6 mL/kg twice a day, until you are taking enough to control your epilepsy and you are not having any seizures.

If you use too much LACOSAMIDE INTERPHARMA

As LACOSAMIDE INTERPHARMA Injection is given to you under the supervision of your doctor, it is very unlikely that you will receive too much.

If you think that you have been given too much LACOSAMIDE INTERPHARMA, you may need urgent medical attention.

You should immediately:

- phone the Poisons Information Centre (**by calling 13 11 26**), or
- contact your doctor, or
- go to the Emergency Department at your nearest hospital.

You should do this even if there are no signs of discomfort or poisoning.

5. What should I know while I am given LACOSAMIDE INTERPHARMA?

Things you should do

Tell your doctor immediately if you notice an increase in seizures.

Call your doctor straight away if you:

- have symptoms of depression or thoughts of harming yourself.

Tell any other doctors, dentists or pharmacists who are treating you that you are taking this medicine.

If you are about to be started on new medicine, tell your doctor or dentist that you are taking LACOSAMIDE INTERPHARMA .

Before you have any surgery or emergency treatment, tell your doctor or dentist that you are taking LACOSAMIDE INTERPHARMA.

Tell your doctor if you feel LACOSAMIDE INTERPHARMA is not helping your condition. Your doctor may need to change your medicine.

If you become pregnant while taking this medicine, tell your doctor.

Be sure to keep all of your doctor's appointments so that your progress can be checked.

Your doctor will check your progress and may want to take some tests from time to time. This helps to prevent unwanted side effects.

Driving or using machines

Be careful before you drive or use any machines or tools until you know how LACOSAMIDE INTERPHARMA affects you.

As with other antiepileptic medicines LACOSAMIDE INTERPHARMA may cause dizziness or drowsiness. This is more frequent at the beginning of treatment or after an increase in the dose.

If you are feeling dizzy or drowsy, do not drive a car, operate machinery, or do anything else that could be dangerous.

Drinking alcohol

Tell your doctor if you drink alcohol.

As a safety precaution, do not take LACOSAMIDE INTERPHARMA with alcohol.

Looking after your medicine

- LACOSAMIDE INTERPHARMA Injection will be stored in the pharmacy or on the hospital ward. It is kept in a cool dry place where the temperature stays below 25°C. Do not freeze.

6. Are there any side effects?

This medicine helps most people with epilepsy, but it may have unwanted side effects in a few people.

All medicines can have side effects. If you do experience any side effects, most of them are minor and temporary. However, some side effects may need medical attention.

See the information below and, if you need to, ask your doctor or pharmacist if you have any further questions about side effects.

Tell your doctor or nurse as soon as possible if you do not feel well while you are taking LACOSAMIDE INTERPHARMA.

If you get any side effects, do not stop taking LACOSAMIDE INTERPHARMA without first talking to your doctor.

Less serious side effects

Less serious side effects	What to do
<p>CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM (CNS):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> dizziness or problems with balance coordination headache feeling tired, drowsy or sleepy forgetfulness tremors <p>GENERAL BODY:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> nausea (feeling sick) or vomiting <p>SKIN:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> itching redness, itchiness, pain or discomfort at the injection site. 	<p>Speak to your doctor if you have any of these less serious side effects and they worry you.</p>

Serious side effects

Serious side effects	What to do
<p>GENERAL BODY:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> trouble sleeping swelling of the face, lips, tongue or other parts of the body <p>CNS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> feelings of depression feeling aggressive or agitated spinning sensations thoughts of harming yourself more frequent seizures or more severe seizures fainting or feeling lightheaded <p>EYE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> double vision or blurred vision <p>HEART:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> heart palpitations or a rapid or irregular pulse <p>RESPIRATORY:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> shortness of breath wheezing or difficulty breathing <p>SKIN:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> rash, itching or hives on the skin. 	<p>Call your doctor straight away, or go straight to the Emergency Department at your nearest hospital if you notice any of these serious side effects.</p>

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you notice anything else that may be making you feel unwell.

Other side effects not listed here may occur in some people.

Reporting side effects

After you have received medical advice for any side effects you experience, you can report side effects to the Therapeutic Goods Administration online at www.tga.gov.au/reporting-problems. By reporting side effects, you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

Always make sure you speak to your doctor or pharmacist before you decide to stop taking any of your medicines.

7. Product details

This medicine is only available with a doctor's prescription.

What LACOSAMIDE INTERPHARMA contains

Active ingredient (main ingredient)	lacosamide
Other ingredients (inactive ingredients)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> sodium chloride sodium hydroxide hydrochloric acid water for injections.

Do not take this medicine if you are allergic to any of these ingredients.

What LACOSAMIDE INTERPHARMA looks like

LACOSAMIDE INTERPHARMA injection is a clear and colourless solution available in a 200 mg/20 mL strength in a glass ampoule in packs of 5 (AUST R 446110).

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