Information For the Use Divalproex (250mg) Prolonged Release

Divalxyle ER 250 Tablet

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Overview:

Divalproex is an anticonvulsant and moodstabilizing medication commonly used for the treatment of various neurological and psychiatric conditions. The prolongedrelease formulation ensures a steady release of the drug into the bloodstream, reducing dosing frequency and minimizing side effects.

Indications:

Divalproex is used in the treatment of:

- **Epilepsy**: To manage certain types of seizures (e.g., absence seizures, complex partial seizures).
- **Bipolar Disorder**: To stabilize mood and prevent manic episodes.
- **Migraine Prophylaxis**: To reduce the frequency of migraine attacks.

Dosage and Administration:

- The tablet is typically taken once daily or as prescribed by a healthcare provider.
- It should be swallowed whole with water, without crushing or chewing, to preserve the prolonged-release mechanism.
- Dosage adjustments are made based on therapeutic response, weight, and blood levels of the drug.

Mechanism of Action:

Divalproex dissociates into valproic acid in the body, which increases gammaaminobutyric acid (GABA) levels, a neurotransmitter that helps stabilize neuronal activity and reduce excitability in the brain.

Precautions and Warnings:

- Pregnancy: Contraindicated due to the risk of birth defects and developmental disorders. Women of childbearing age should use effective contraception.
- Liver Function: Regular monitoring of liver enzymes is essential as Divalproex can cause hepatotoxicity.
- Pancreatitis: Rare but serious; immediate medical attention is required for symptoms like severe abdominal pain.
- Drug Interactions: May interact with other medications, including antiepileptic drugs, anticoagulants, and sedatives.
- Blood Monitoring: Routine blood tests may be required to monitor drug levels and assess for side effects like thrombocytopenia.

Side Effects:

Common side effects include:

- Nausea, vomiting, and abdominal discomfort
- Drowsiness or dizziness
- Tremors
- Weight gain
- Hair loss (temporary)

Rare but serious side effects:

- Liver dysfunction
- Pancreatitis
- Low platelet count (thrombocytopenia)
- Worsening of mood or suicidal thoughts

Storage:

- Store at room temperature (20-25°C) in a dry place, away from direct sunlight and moisture.
- Keep out of reach of children.

Note:

This is a prescription medication and should be used strictly under medical supervision. Discuss your medical history and current medications with your healthcare provider before starting Divalproex.

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