

## PREGABALIN (Lyrica)

Posted by helen - 09 Sep 2009 22:56

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Dear Doc

Has anyone taken this drug for A nerve pain. I can't find any reference to it on this web site, but there are plenty of articles on www which don't endear me to trying it. Would appreciate input from anyone who's had any experience or info!

Thanks Helen

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## Re: PREGABALIN (Lyrica)

Posted by fergiesgirl - 06 Oct 2009 17:38

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Hi Kev & Helen

I've already had the mri and the dye was injected my arm not my spine, is that still dangerous? They said they needed to see how much clumping there was.

Marie

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## Re: PREGABALIN (Lyrica)

Posted by helen - 08 Oct 2009 23:21

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Hi Marie

All I would advise is don't have it again. My local Radiographer explained that its not necessary for the MRI (I've been injected with it twice because I wasn't any the wiser). It's difficult for the body to remove and can cause harm. Be careful with any drug offered that you don't get a leaflet with explaining all the risks and possible side effects!

Best wishes Helen

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## Re: PREGABALIN (Lyrica)

Posted by fergiesgirl - 09 Oct 2009 01:46

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Hi Helen

Do you know, it never occurred to me to even ask about the injection because I had already been diagnosed with AA prior to the MRI in Jan 2008? The neurologist who requested it had just diagnosed AA but wanted to check c4/5 & c5/6 because I was having symptoms in my neck, hands and arms. We had also discussed my having had so many esi's over the years and possible toxic causes of AA. I stupidly assumed that under those circumstances no further risks would be taken. I can't believe this. Even when they know they've damaged you, they are happy to damage you again - what is wrong with these people? I am thoroughly disgusted. Thanks very much for the warning.

Marie

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## Re:PREGABALIN (Lyrica)

Posted by Martine - 23 Mar 2010 23:06

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Hi, I am new to this site. Have arachnoiditis since a myelogram then surgery in 1980. I have been seen at the Pain management clinic and was prescribed Pregabalin. I must say that nobody ever tells you how these drugs COULD affect you! I have recently come off it with the help of my GP, as I was like a zombie!! I didn't know WHO I was any more, and had trouble recalling simple words. Since being off it now for a couple of months my memory, mood and persona have improved dramatically. I remain on Tramadol 400mgs a day, to which unfortunately I am totally dependent, but which don't completely resolve the symptoms of pain, especially the low back pain and nerve pain elsewhere. I am loath to take anything else, as I do not want to get addicted to anything else, nor do I wish to experience further side effects 😞  
Ah well, tomorrow's another day!

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## Re:PREGABALIN (Lyrica)

Posted by helen - 25 Mar 2010 14:28

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Hi Martine

Sorry to hear of your experience with Pregabalin. I had the same problems and couldn't tolerate even a very low dose. Doctors are very keen for you to try these drugs but just reading the side effects is enough to put you off. I'm always being told that I don't persevere long enough, but I think the longer you've had A the more sensitive you are anyway!

Take care Helen

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## Re:PREGABALIN (Lyrica)

Posted by rita - 13 Apr 2010 03:47

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Hi Martine

I had the same problem, was like a zombie and felt really ill. I take 400mg of tramadol sr but I also take clonazepam at night to help me sleep. It is a tablet for epilepsy, but a much reduced dose which also helps me during the day if the pain is really severe. However it does make you drowsy, but if the pain is really severe, you dont care. I have had AA for 18 years but only diagnosed properly

2 years ago, because it was due to a procedure I had at the hospital. (Epidural)

Hope this helps.

Bye for now

Rita

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