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WARNINGS REGARDING USE OF ANTI-CONVULSANT (I.E. SEIZURE)MEDICATIONS

Please be aware of the warning issued by the FDA regarding the increase risk of suicide that has been observed in many patients who use anti-convulsant medications including but not limited to:

1. Lamictal (Lamotrigine)
2. Topamax (Topiramate)
3. Depakote (Valproic acid)
4. Trileptal (Oxcarbamazepine)
5. Zonegran (Zonisamide)
6. Dilantin (Phenytoin)
7. Neurontin (Gabapentin)
8. Carbatrol (Tegretol XR)
9. Tegretol (Carbamazepine)

Although there is no clear understanding of the association of suicide risk and use of anti-convulsants, the risk is especially high in adolescent patients who have been diagnosed with a severe mood disorder such as bipolar depression. Interestingly, many patients who have depression or other mood disorders, are prescribed and benefits from, one or more of the above medications.

If you have signs and symptoms of depression, you should discuss the above risk with all of you doctors, especially with your psychiatrist. If you do not have a psychiatrist and have symptoms of depression, please ask your doctor to make a referral or go to the emergency room if you have thoughts of suicide.

There are other drug interactions and/or side-effects that are not listed above. You should discuss all of you medications with your doctor and pharmacist and read the package label which can be obtained from the pharmacist.

I have read and acknowledge clear understanding of the above: (sign) _____

Patient Name: (print) _____

Date: _____