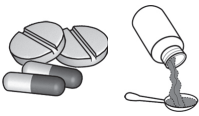







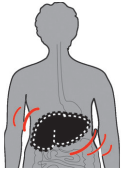









<b>Active ingredients (generic names)</b>	<b>VALPROATE</b> (val-pro-ate) 
<b>What it is used for</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Epilepsy (fitting)</li><li>• Bipolar (mood) disorder</li><li>• Preventing migraine when other medicines have not worked</li></ul>
<b>How it works</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Works in the brain to stop or prevent fits and to help even out moods</li></ul> 
<b>Side effects</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Drowsiness at beginning of treatment</li></ul> <div><p>Nausea and vomiting</p></div> <div><p>Bleeding or bruising</p></div> <div><p>Weight gain</p></div> <div><p>Tremor</p></div>

 <p><b>Warnings</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pancreatitis</li> </ul> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Pregnant</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Liver trouble</p> </div> </div> <p><b>Interactions — Do not use together without medical consult</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Valproate interacts with a lot of different medicines — always check with doctor or pharmacist before adding another medicine</li> </ul>
<p><b>Tell the patient</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Swallow tablets whole. <b>Do not</b> chew them</li> <li>• <b>Do not</b> take more than 1 aspirin a day — low dose (100mg)</li> <li>• If you are pregnant or planning on becoming pregnant — discuss this with the doctor</li> </ul> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Take with food or milk — so medicine doesn't make you feel sick</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p><b>Do not</b> stop taking medicine Take medicine as instructed to stop symptoms coming back</p> </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: flex-start; margin-top: 20px;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p><b>Do not</b> drink alcohol (grog) (medicine increases the effects)</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Return to clinic straight away if you have fever, abdominal pain, vomiting, yellowing of skin or eyes, bruising or bleeding</p> </div> </div> <p><b>Warning stickers (page 310): 9, 10a, 12, 13, A, B</b></p>
<p><b>Check</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women of child bearing age are using effective contraception due to risk of birth defects (teratogenic risk)</li> </ul> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Weight</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Blood test Check liver function tests (LFT), FBC</p> </div> </div>