








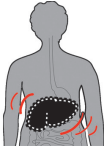
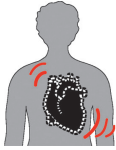










<p><b>Active ingredients (generic names)</b></p>	<p><b>PHENYTOIN</b> (fen-i-toyn)</p> 
<p><b>What it is used for</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Epilepsy (fitting)</li> <li>• Preventing fitting</li> </ul>
<p><b>How it works</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Works in the brain to stop or prevent fits</li> </ul> 
<p><b>Side effects</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Signs of overdose</b> — agitation, blurred vision, clumsy walking, jerking of eyes</li> </ul>  <p>Nausea</p>  <p>Sore or swollen gums</p>  <p>Sleepy</p>  <p>Confusion</p>  <p>Trouble sleeping</p>

 <p><b>Warnings</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diabetes — risk of high blood glucose (hyperglycaemia)</li> </ul> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Pregnant</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Liver trouble — use lower dose</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Heart trouble (phenytoin IV)</p> </div> </div> <p><b>Interactions — Do not use together without medical consult</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phenytoin interacts with a lot of different medicines — <b>always</b> 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>• May stop combined oral or injected contraceptives (pill or implant) from working properly. Use condoms or other contraception while taking medicine and for 4 weeks after treatment</li> <li>• Have regular checks with dentist</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 style="text-align: center;">  <p>Brush teeth — If gums swell, keep mouth and gums clean. Brush teeth very gently</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> drive or operate machinery if sleepy or blurred vision</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Return to clinic straight away if you get fever, sore throat, rash, mouth ulcers, bruising or bleeding</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p><b>Do not</b> drink alcohol (grog)</p> </div> </div>
<p><b>Warning stickers (page 310): 5, 9, 12, 13</b></p>	
<p><b>Check</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capsules, tablets and liquid are not all equal — check you have the right phenytoin</li> </ul> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Blood test Check phenytoin levels, BGL</p> </div>