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PATIENT INFORMATION LEAFLET

DRUG NAME: Levodopa capsules

COMMON USES: This medicine is a dopamine precursor used to treat Parkinson's disease. It may also be used to treat other conditions as determined by your doctor.

HOW TO USE THIS MEDICINE: Follow the directions for using this medicine provided by your doctor. TAKE THIS MEDICINE with FOOD. STORE THIS MEDICINE at room temperature, away from heat and light. IF YOU MISS A DOSE OF THIS MEDICINE, take it as soon as possible. If it is almost time for your next dose, skip the missed dose and go back to your regular dosing schedule. DO NOT take 2 doses at once.

CAUTIONS: DO NOT STOP TAKING THIS MEDICINE without checking with your doctor. KEEP ALL DOCTOR APPOINTMENTS while you are taking this medicine. CONTACT YOUR DOCTOR if your symptoms become worse. BEFORE YOU HAVE ANY MEDICAL OR DENTAL TREATMENTS, EMERGENCY CARE, OR SURGERY, tell the doctor or dentist that you are using this medicine. THIS MEDICINE MAY CAUSE dizziness. DO NOT DRIVE, operate machinery or do anything else that could be dangerous until you know how you react to this medicine. If dizziness occurs, sit up or stand up slowly. BEFORE YOU BEGIN TAKING ANY NEW MEDICINE, either prescription or over-the-counter, check with your doctor or pharmacist. THIS MEDICINE MAY CAUSE darkening of your urine. There is no need for concern. DO NOT TAKE PYRIDOXINE(Vitamin B6) or multivitamins containing vitamin B6 while you are taking this medication. FOR WOMEN: IF YOU PLAN ON BECOMING PREGNANT, discuss with your doctor the benefits and risks of using this medicine during pregnancy. IT IS UNKNOWN IF THIS MEDICINE IS EXCRETED in breast milk. DO NOT BREAST-FEED while taking this medicine. IF YOU HAVE DIABETES MELLITUS, this medicine may cause false test results with some urine glucose or urine ketone tests. Check with your doctor before you adjust the dose of your diabetes medicine or change your diet.

POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS: Side effects, that may go away during treatment, include stomach upset, loss of appetite, dry mouth, change in taste, headache or dizziness. If they continue or are bothersome, check with your doctor. CHECK WITH YOUR DOCTOR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE if you experience vomiting; severe abdominal pain; unusual or painful movements of face, eyelids, mouth, tongue, arms, hands, or legs; diarrhea; chest pain; trouble sleeping; depression; or confusion. If you notice other effects not listed above, contact your doctor or pharmacist.

Your Pharmacist Compounded This Medication Especially For You