**Medicine Safety and You**

**Gabapentin or Neurontin®**

**New medicine:**
Gabapentin

**Brand names:**
Neurontin®

**Use (circle one):**
- Stop or control seizures
- Treat painful nerve disorders
- Treat restless leg syndrome
- Treat hot flashes

**Potential side effects:**
- Change in balance
- Feeling dizzy or lightheaded
- Shakiness
- Weight gain
- Emotional ups and downs
- Hostility

All medicines have the potential to produce effects other than the intended use of the medicine. The chance of experiencing a side effect depends on the medicine, how it is used, what other medicines a person is taking, and individual traits such as age, weight, and other diseases. Some people have no side effects, some mild, some severe.

**If you experience any of these side effects, tell your doctor or nurse right away.**

**Please speak up at any time if you have any questions or concerns.**

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