Medicine Safety and You
Valproic Acid or Depakote®

New Medication:
Valproic Acid

Brand name:
Depakote®

Use:
- Prevents and treats seizures
- Prevents and treats headaches
- Treats behavior problems
- Treats Manic Depression

Possible side effects:
- Lightheaded
- Sleepy
- Blurred Vision
- Dizzy
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Muscle weakness
- Trouble sleeping

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.
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**Important information:**
- Do not drive or complete tasks that require quick reaction times until you know how this medication will affect you
- You may see Depakote® Sprinkle bits in your stool
- Take this medication with a full glass of water
- Take this medicine with or without food
- Take the medication whole
- Do not crush, cut, or chew

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