



SAFETY ALERT



“Sharing Lessons Learned”

Caution When Taking Neurontin or Lyrica with Opioids (Narcotic) Medications

Issue:

The use of certain Anticonvulsants (Neurontin or Lyrica) with opioids (Morphine) at the same time can cause serious side effects such as respiratory depression (slowed breathing), increased sedation (sleepiness), dizziness, fainting and death.



Recommendations:

- Healthcare practitioner must be cautious when prescribing Neurontin or Lyrica with opioids.
- Educate the patient about the signs of an opioid overdose and the importance of adhering to opioid regimen as per physician prescription.
- Healthcare practitioner must be aware about the increased risk of overdose when mixing other drugs/substances such as benzodiazepines with opioids.
- Report any adverse reactions through Safety Reporting System (SRS).

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Reference: <https://www.fda.gov/drugs/drug-safety-and-availability/fda-warns-about-serious-breathing-problems-seizure-and-nerve-pain-medicines-gabapentin-neurontin>