

PATIENT'S NAME:

MEDICATION: bupropion hydrochloride (Brand names are Wellbutrin, Wellbutrin SR, and Zyban).

WHAT IT'S USED FOR: Bupropion is used to treat depression and as a smoking-cessation aid.

HOW TO TAKE IT

- Take drug in equally divided doses three or four times a day, to reduce risk of seizures.
- Avoid bedtime doses because they may cause difficulty sleeping.

WARNINGS & PRECAUTIONS!

- Before taking drug, tell prescriber if you've ever had a seizure.
- Stop taking drug and contact prescriber at once if you develop seizures or symptoms of allergic reaction (such as rash). Otherwise, never stop taking drug suddenly. Dosage must be tapered slowly.
- Be aware that Wellbutrin (used for depression) and Zyban (smoking-cessation aid) have same ingredients. Don't use them together.
- Practice frequent oral hygiene; drug may cause dry mouth, which increases risk of cavities and other dental problems.
- Tell prescriber if you're pregnant or breastfeeding.

SIDE EFFECTS

Bupropion may cause pain, headache, migraine, sleepiness or difficulty sleeping, dizziness, agitation, anxiety, tremor, nervousness, irritability, poor memory, numbness and tingling, weakness, chest pain, palpitations, flushing, hot flashes, impaired vision, ringing in ears, hoarseness, sinus infection, dry mouth, nausea, vomiting, stomach pain, constipation, diarrhea, poor appetite, difficulty swallowing, altered sense of taste, frequent or urgent urination, urinary tract infection, vaginal hemorrhage, muscle pain, joint pain, arthritis, twitching, increased cough, sweating, fever, infection, and allergic reactions (including rash, itching, and hives). Zyban also may cause neck pain, abnormal thinking, high blood pressure, increased appetite, and bronchitis. Notify prescriber of serious or bothersome symptoms.

INTERACTIONS

- bupropion may interact with cyclophosphamide, carbamazepine, phenobarbital, phenytoin, levodopa, amantadine, and nicotine transdermal patch as well as some other antidepressants (such as phenelzine), some drugs used for psychoses, and some drugs used for hypertension or chest pain. Tell all prescribers you're taking this drug.
- Avoid alcohol while taking this drug.

STORAGE

- Store Wellbutrin tablets at 59° to 77° F (15° to 25° C), protected from light and moisture. Don't store in bathroom.
- Store Wellbutrin SR and Zyban tablets in tight, light-resistant container at 68° to 77° F (20° to 25° C).

ADDITIONAL POINTS:

Your initials: _____

Date: _____