

Levetiracetam (Keppra)

Levetiracetam is a seizure medication which has been studied in bipolar mania. Although many seizure medications are helpful in bipolar, there is not enough research yet to say if levetiracetam is definitely effective in that condition. It has also been helpful for migraines.

Levetiracetam is also used to help tardive dyskinesia (an involuntary movement of the muscles).

Dosing

The typical dose ranges from 1000mg-2000mg per day. It can be taken with or without food. The dose can be divided in to twice daily doses or taken as a once daily ER form; do not crush or chew the ER tablets.

Side effects

Dizziness, poor coordination and fatigue. Very rarely people have had hallucinations (seeing or hearing things) or worse mood on it; call your doctor if those things happen.

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