

LAMOTRIGINE (Lamictal) Side Effects:

Most common: dizziness, headache, nausea, sedation, benign rash (7%).

Serious but rare: potentially life-threatening skin rashes requiring hospitalization reported; incidence is higher in pediatric patients; risk increased by co-administration with valproic acid, higher than recommended starting doses, and exceeding recommended dose titration. The majority of cases occur in the first 8 weeks, but isolated cases may occur beyond 8 weeks or even in patients without risk factors. Discontinue at first sign of rash and do not reinitiate unless rash is clearly not drug-related.

Pregnancy: Rate of major birth defects reported to be 1%–5.6%. Increased risk of oral clefts (0.4%).

This is a simplified list of side effects focusing on what is common or severe because complete lists of more rare and less serious side effects are often overwhelming. If desired, complete lists of potential side effects can be found on reputable web sites like Drugs.com.