

SPINE SAFETY WARNING:

**Information for Healthcare Professionals:
Neurontin (gabapentin) Capsules, Tablets and Oral Solution:
Labeling Changes**

According to MedWatch, FDA notified healthcare professionals of labeling changes for Neurontin (gabapentin) Capsules, Tablets and Oral Solution. The following has been added to the labeling:

Drug Reaction with Eosinophilia and Systemic Symptoms (DRESS)/Multiorgan Hypersensitivity

- Drug Reaction with Eosinophilia and Systemic Symptoms (DRESS), also known as Multiorgan hypersensitivity, has been reported in patients taking antiepileptic drugs, including Neurontin. Some of these events have been fatal or life-threatening. DRESS typically, although not exclusively, presents with fever, rash, and/or lymphadenopathy, in association with other organ system involvement, such as hepatitis, nephritis, hematological abnormalities, myocarditis, or myositis sometimes resembling an acute viral infection. Eosinophilia is often present. Because this disorder is variable in its expression, other organ systems not noted here may be involved. It is important to note that early manifestations of hypersensitivity, such as fever or lymphadenopathy, may be present even though rash is not evident. If such signs or symptoms are present, the patient should be evaluated immediately. Neurontin should be discontinued if an alternative etiology for the signs or symptoms cannot be established.

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