Lamotrigine Regime in Headache

<u>USE:</u> Prevention of various headache and facial pain syndromes including trigeminal neuralgia, trigeminal neuropathy, SUNCT/SUNA and some forms of migraine

<u>DOSAGE</u>: the dose has to be increased gradually as given below. Continue increasing the dose until it is effective at suppressing your headaches/facial pain or you reach the maximum dose of 200mgs twice daily or you develop side effects.

If you start to get any side effects please let your General Practitioner or Neurologist know as soon as possible.

Dosage Schedule

	MORNING	EVENING
For 14 days take:		25 mg
For 14 days take:	25 mg	25 mg
For 14 days take:	50 mg	50 mg
For 14 days take:	75 mg	75 mg
For 14 days take:	100 mg	100 mg
For 14 days take:	125 mg	125 mg
For 14 days take:	150 mg	150 mg
For 14 days take:	175 mg	175 mg
Thereafter take:	200 mg	200 mg

Common side-effects:

- Nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea, dizziness, somnolence
- Double vision, blurred vision, pharyngitis and rhinitis
- Incoordination, poor balance (ataxia), insomnia
- Serious rashes requiring hospitalization and discontinuation of treatment [incidence of these rashes is approximately 0.3 % (3 per 1000)].