

# Discussion Guide: Talking to Your Doctor About Diabetic Nerve Pain

This guide is to help you and your doctor find an appropriate treatment plan for you.



## HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

- 1 Fill out this guide as much as possible.
- 2 Bring it to your next appointment and share it with your doctor.
- 3 Talk to your doctor about appropriate treatment options and ask if LYRICA might be right for you.

How long have you been experiencing diabetic nerve pain?

\_\_\_\_\_ Months \_\_\_\_\_ Years

I would describe my pain as:

Select all that apply.

- Pins and needles
- Stabbing/shooting
- Burning
- Tingling/sharp
- Aching/throbbing
- Numbness
- Other

How often do you

experience this pain?

Select all that apply.

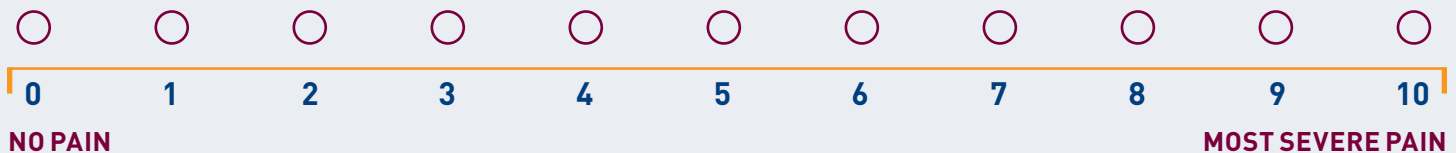
- Daily
- Monthly
- Weekly
- Varies

I feel pain when I:

Select all that apply.

- Climb stairs
- Walk
- Work
- Get in or out of a car/bed
- Do everyday chores

On a scale of 0 to 10, how would you rate the severity of your pain episodes when experiencing these symptoms?



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## INDICATIONS AND USAGE

LYRICA is indicated to treat fibromyalgia, diabetic nerve pain, spinal cord injury nerve pain, and pain after shingles in adult patients. LYRICA is also indicated to treat partial-onset seizures in patients 1 month of age and older with epilepsy who take 1 or more other drugs for seizures.

## IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

**LYRICA is not for everyone.** LYRICA may cause serious, even life-threatening, allergic reactions. Stop taking LYRICA and call your doctor right away if you have any signs of a serious allergic reaction. Some signs are swelling of your face, mouth, lips, gums, tongue, throat, or neck, if you have any trouble breathing, or have a rash, hives, or blisters.

Please see continued Important Safety Information on next page and [Full Prescribing Information and Medication Guide](#).

## What time of day is your pain at its worst?

Select all that apply.

- Morning
- Afternoon
- Evening
- While sleeping

## In the last 4 weeks, has your pain interfered with your ability to do any of the following?

Select all that apply.

- Sleep
- Concentrate
- Family responsibilities
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- Work
- Household chores
- Social activities

## IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued)

The most common side effects of LYRICA in children are weight gain, increase in appetite, and sleepiness. LYRICA caused skin sores in animal studies. Skin sores did not happen in studies in people. If you have diabetes, you should pay attention to your skin while taking LYRICA and tell your healthcare provider about any sores or skin problems. Tell your healthcare provider about any side effect that bothers you or that does not go away.

These are not all the possible side effects of LYRICA. For more information, ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist. Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

Drugs used to treat seizures increase the risk of suicidal thoughts or behavior. LYRICA may cause suicidal thoughts or actions in a very small number of people, about 1 in 500. This can happen while you take LYRICA or after stopping. Patients, family members, or caregivers should call the doctor right away if they notice suicidal thoughts or actions, thoughts of self-harm, or any unusual changes in mood or behavior. These changes may include new or worsening depression, anxiety, restlessness, trouble sleeping, panic attacks, anger, irritability, agitation, aggression, dangerous impulses or violence, or extreme increases in activity or talking. If you have suicidal thoughts or actions, do not stop LYRICA without first talking to your doctor.

Serious breathing problems can occur when LYRICA is taken with other medicines that can cause severe sleepiness or decreased awareness, or when it is taken by someone who already has breathing problems. Watch for increased sleepiness or decreased breathing when starting LYRICA or when the dose is increased. Get help right away if breathing problems occur.

LYRICA may cause swelling of your hands, legs, and feet, which can be serious for people with heart problems. LYRICA may cause dizziness and sleepiness. You should not drive or work with machines until you know how LYRICA affects you. Also, tell your doctor right away about muscle pain or problems along with feeling sick and feverish, or any changes in your eyesight, including blurry vision or if you have any kidney problems or get dialysis.

Tell your doctor immediately if you are taking opioid painkillers (such as oxycodone), or medicines for anxiety (such as lorazepam) or insomnia (such as zolpidem). You may have a higher chance for dizziness, sleepiness, or serious breathing problems if these medicines are taken with LYRICA. Taking LYRICA with opioid pain medicines may lead to death.

Some of the most common side effects of LYRICA are dizziness, blurry vision, weight gain, sleepiness, trouble concentrating, swelling of your hands and feet, dry mouth, and feeling "high." If you have diabetes, tell your doctor about any skin sores.

You may have a higher chance for swelling and hives if you are also taking angiotensin-converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitors, so tell your doctor if you are taking these medications. You may have a higher chance of swelling of your hands or feet or gaining weight if you are also taking certain diabetes medicines. Do not drink alcohol while on LYRICA. You may have a higher chance for dizziness and sleepiness if you take LYRICA with alcohol, narcotic pain medicines, or medicines for anxiety.

Before you start LYRICA, tell your doctor if you are planning to father a child, if you are pregnant, or plan to become pregnant. Breastfeeding is not recommended while taking LYRICA. If you have had a drug or alcohol problem, you may be more likely to misuse LYRICA.

In studies, a specific type of blood vessel tumor was seen in mice. The meaning of these findings in humans is not known.

**Do not stop taking LYRICA without talking to your doctor.** If you stop suddenly, you may have headaches, nausea, diarrhea, trouble sleeping, increased sweating, or you may feel anxious. If you have epilepsy, you may have seizures more often.

LYRICA is available by prescription only in doses ranging from 25 mg to 300 mg and as a 20 mg/mL oral solution.

**LYRICA is FDA approved to treat diabetic nerve pain.**  
**Ask your doctor if LYRICA might be right for you.**

**Please see additional Important Safety Information and Indications on previous page and Full Prescribing Information and Medication Guide.**

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