

## Schedule for medication

### Levocarb 100/25mg

<b>Week 1</b>	1/2 tablet	---	---
<b>Week 2</b>	1/2 tablet	---	1/2 tablet
<b>Week 3</b>	1/2 tablet	1/2 tablet	1/2 tablet
<b>Week 4</b>	1 tablet	1/2 tablet	1 tablet
<b>Week 5 &amp; continue</b>	1 tablet	1 tablet	1 tablet

**note:** Take Levocarb 100/25mg 1/2 hour before or 1 hour after protein-containing meals to increase absorption.

Dose 1 should be taken upon awakening, Dose 2 should be taken no later than 4 hours after Dose 1, and Dose 3 should be taken no later than 4 hours after Dose 2. Some patients need q 3 hour dosing. This is the initial dosing for Levocarb. See patient again within 3 months, assess response, and adjust medications up following a similarly slow titration schedule until a good response is achieved subjectively and objectively.

### Side Effects\*

nausea

- usually goes away in a few weeks
- can be improved with another medication called domperidone/Motilium

low blood pressure, especially with changes in position called *orthostatic hypotension*

- causes feeling lightheaded/dizzy or passing out
- can be improved by domperidone/Motilium

increased sleepiness but in some patients can promote wakefulness

involuntary fidgeting, twisting, flinging, or jerking movements called *dyskinesias*

· usually only with high doses and at later stages of PD but can occur early in disease in some young patients

· typically when medication doses are peaking in the blood stream, approximately 1 hour after medication is taken

· rarely, can occur as medication dosage is increasing and/or decreasing in the blood stream before the next dose

approximately 30 min after medication is taken and 30 min

confusion

- usually only with high doses and at later stages of PD

*visual hallucinations* – seeing things that aren't truly there

- usually only with high doses and later stages of PD

rarely, can cause compulsive behaviours such as gambling, shopping, hypersexuality, pre-occupation with video games, collecting items, etc.

\* not a complete list