What is GABAPENTIN?
• This is a medication which blocks nerves and can reduce itching, pain, burning
• It is also a type of anti-seizure medication.
• Most common side effects are dizziness, drowsiness and lower extremity swelling

How is GABAPENTIN prescribed?
Please use as follows: _____________________________
• The medicines is available as 300 mg tablets (although rarely 100 mg tabs are used 3 times daily).
• Use 300 mg at night for three nights then 300 mg twice daily (morning and night) for 3 more days and then 300 mg three times per day for next 8 days. Then starting week 3, go up to 600 mg twice daily and then in week 4 go up to 600 mg three times per day (1800 mg per day total)
  • MAXIMUM dose is 3600 mg/ day (or 1200 mg 3 times/ day).
  • DO NOT STOP GABAPENTIN SUDDENLY. It needs to be decreased slowly.

What conditions will GABAPENTIN be used for?
• Itching, Pain, Pain after shingles, Seizure disorders, Burning

Who will not be prescribed GABAPENTIN?
• 1. Someone with allergy to the drug  2. Women trying to become pregnant

What are the side effects of GABAPENTIN?
• SUICIDAL THOUGHTS and BEHAVIOURS are rare but will be discussed.
• dizziness, sleepiness, swelling in legs
• nausea (take with food), dry mouth, diarrhea or constipation
• increased blood pressure, headaches, changes in appetite.

Is any blood work needed while taking GABAPENTIN? Not usually