

Phenobarbital

- Short-term side effects (<60 days)
 - Increased drinking, urinating, appetite
 - Sedation
- Long-term side effects
 - Liver disease
- Check Phenobarbital level in 10 to 14 days
- Monitor Phenobarbital level and liver enzymes periodically
 - If level is too low or if seizures are seen
 - We will increase the dose
 - If level is too high or too many side effects
 - We will decrease the dose
 - If unable to control seizures
 - We will add a second medication
 - If liver disease develops
 - We will wean them onto a different medication
- Good seizure control
 - No seizures or short, infrequent seizures
- To miss doses or to stop suddenly
 - Will usually trigger a seizure