Requip (ropinirole) Protocol (0.25mg tablets) Patient Instructions

- 1. Take this medication with food to decrease your chance of stomach upset.
- 2. Take this medication at the same time each day before bedtime.
- 3. Week 1 Take 1 tablet (.25 mg) 2 hours before bedtime. If there are no side effects and no improvement in your leg symptoms after one week, increase the dose.
- 4. Week 2 Take 2 tablets (.50 mg) 2 hours before bedtime. If there are no side effects and no improvement in your leg symptoms after one week, increase the dose.
- 5. Week 3 Take 3 tablets (.75 mg) 2 hours before bedtime. If there are no side effects and no improvement in your leg symptoms after one week, increase the dose.
- 6. Week 4 Take 4 tablets (1.00 mg) 2 hours before bedtime. If there is still no improvement in your leg symptoms, contact your healthcare provider for additional instructions.

Common Side Effects: (usually are temporary & do not require medical attention)

- Nausea, vomiting, heartburn, gas
- Diarrhea or constipation
- Dry mouth
- Headache
- Sweating, hot flashes

Other Possible Side Effects: (notify your health care provider)

- Weakness, dizziness or fainting
- Confusion or hallucination
- Drowsiness
- Clumsiness