

PATIENT INFORMATION LEAFLET

MIDODRINE

ABOUT your medicine

Midodrine is used to treat low blood pressure (hypotension). It works by stimulating the nerve endings in blood vessels causing them to become narrower. This increases the blood pressure within the blood vessels.

HOW should I take the medicine?

Your doctor will determine the amount of medicine you should take based on the severity of your condition. Take this medicine in the dose prescribed by your doctor. Midodrine may be taken without regard to meals.

The first dose of midodrine should be taken shortly before or upon rising from the bed in the morning. Dosing should be spaced out during the daytime hours. The last dose should preferably be taken before 6 pm.

Avoid taking the medicine less than 3 to 4 hours before bedtime. This is to prevent the occurrence of increased blood pressure upon lying down (supine hypertension). Midodrine should also not be taken if you will be lying down for any length of time.

What should I do if **I FORGET** a dose?

If you miss a dose or forget to take your medicine, take it as soon as you can. However, if it is almost time for your next dose, wait until then to take the medicine and skip the missed dose. Do not double your dose or take extra medicine to make up for a missed dose. If you have missed several doses, please call your physician to check what you should do.

Keep all medication out of reach of children

What are the possible **SIDE-EFFECTS** of the medicine?

Consult a doctor if there is an awareness of the heart pounding, pounding sensations in the ears, blurred vision and headache.

Other common side-effects that do not generally require medical attention (unless they are long-lasting or bothersome) include: itching, burning or prickling of the scalp, goose bumps, chills, increase in urinary urge and frequency. These side-effects may go away with continued treatment as your body adjusts to the medicine.

What **PRECAUTIONS** should I take?

Inform your doctor and pharmacist if you are already taking herbal preparations, nutritional products, vitamin supplements or other medicines, especially medicines for coughs, cold, asthma, sinus problems and appetite control as they may increase your blood pressure.

You must tell your doctor if you are allergic to any other medicines, or if you develop an allergy while taking this medicine. The symptoms of a drug allergy include one or more of the following: swollen face/eyes/lips, difficulty in breathing or widespread itchy skin rashes.

Inform your doctor if you are breast-feeding, pregnant or likely to become pregnant during the course of this treatment.

Note:

Your doctor may call you back regularly to have your sitting & lying down (supine) blood pressure checked & monitored, especially so after you have just started taking midodrine. This is because midodrine may affect your supine blood pressure and your doctor may need to adjust the dose of this medicine according to changes to your blood pressure.

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Discard all medication that has expired or is no longer required

How should **I STORE** the medicine?

Store the medicine in a dry place at room temperature, away from heat and direct light. Do not refrigerate your medicines unless instructed to do so.

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