

PATIENT INFORMATION

Medicine To Treat: _____

Hypertension

Vasodilators



WHAT ARE VASODILATORS USED FOR?

Vasodilators act directly on blood vessels and lower blood pressure by causing the blood vessels to widen.

WHAT ARE THE POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS OF VASODILATORS?

This medicine may give rise to an increase in heart rate, water retention, flushing and headaches. Minoxidil may cause excessive hair growth on the face and body. Hydralazine may, rarely, cause skin rash, joint pain and fever.

WHAT PRECAUTIONS SHOULD I TAKE?

This medicine may cause the blood pressure to fall excessively when you are taking it for the first time.

Keep all medication out of reach of children.

WHAT IS THE COMMONLY USED VASODILATOR?

- * **Hydralazine**

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I FORGET A DOSE?

- **If you miss a dose, take the missed dose as soon as you remember. If it is almost time for your next dose, take only the usual dose. Do not double the dosage.**

HOW SHOULD I STORE MY MEDICINE?

- **Unless instructed otherwise, store your medicines in a cool, dry place and protect them from moisture, heat and direct sunlight.**
- **Store medicine in the original labeled container. Do not keep different types of medicine together in one container.**

Discard all medication that is outdated or no longer required.



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