

PATIENT'S NAME:

MEDICATION: amlodipine besylate (Brand name is Norvasc L.)

WHAT IT'S USED FOR: _Amlodipine besylate is used to treat high blood pressure or a type of chest pain called angina.

HOW TO TAKE IT

- Take drug exactly as prescribed, with or without food.
- Continue to take nitroglycerin as needed if ordered for chest pain.

WARNINGS & PRECAUTIONS!

- Notify prescriber immediately if your chest pain worsens.
- Avoid driving and other hazardous activities until you know how this drug affects your concentration and alertness.
- Tell prescriber if you are pregnant or breastfeeding.

SIDE EFFECTS

This drug may cause headache, dizziness, drowsiness, light-headedness, fatigue, weakness, swelling, slow pulse rate, low blood pressure, heart palpitations, nausea, stomach discomfort, muscle cramps, muscle pains or inflammation, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, wheezing, rash, itching, hives, flushing. Notify your prescriber if any of these symptoms becomes bothersome.

INTERACTIONS

- Amlodipine may interact with beta blockers, quinidine, and other drugs used to treat high blood pressure. Tell all prescribers you're taking it.
- Avoid alcohol while taking this drug.

STORAGE

- Store at controlled room temperature in a tightly closed container, protected from light.

ADDITIONAL POINTS:

Your initials: _____

Date: _____

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