

**PATIENT'S NAME:**

**MEDICATION:** furosemide (Brand names include Apo-Furosemide, Furoside, Lasix, Lasix Special, Myrosemide, Novosemide, and Uritol.)

**WHAT IT'S USED FOR:** Furosemide is used as a diuretic (water pill).

**HOW TO TAKE IT**

- Take drug in the morning. If you're instructed to take a second daily dose, take that dose in the afternoon to prevent nighttime urination.
- Take drug with food if stomach upset occurs.

**WARNINGS & PRECAUTIONS!**

- Contact prescriber immediately if you experience hearing problems or symptoms of dehydration and mineral loss, such as weakness, confusion, severe dizziness, extremely dry mouth, fast or irregular heartbeat, greatly decreased amount of urine, fainting, seizures, or leg cramps.
- This drug may cause a temporary drop in blood pressure when you stand up suddenly. Dangle your legs briefly before getting out of bed. Rise slowly and carefully.
- Avoid driving and other hazardous activities until you know how this drug affects your concentration and alertness.
- Side effects are more likely to occur during hot weather or exercise and with alcohol use.
- Discuss the possible need for potassium and magnesium supplements with your prescriber.
- If you have diabetes, this drug may increase your blood sugar.
- You will have regular blood tests while taking this drug.
- This drug may cause increased sensitivity to sun. Avoid prolonged exposure to sunlight and sun lamps. Wear appropriate sunscreen and protective clothing when going outdoors.
- Tell your prescriber if you are pregnant or breastfeeding.

**SIDE EFFECTS**

This drug may cause dizziness, headache, insomnia, nervousness, vertigo (dizziness or a whirling sensation), weakness, numbness, tingling, confusion, fatigue, drowsiness, restlessness, irregular heart beat, decreased blood pressure when you stand up, chest pain, vein inflammation, vision changes, hearing loss, ringing or sense of fullness in ears, constipation, diarrhea, dry mouth, indigestion, nausea, vomiting, dry mouth, appetite loss, stomach irritation, acute pancreatitis, yellowing of eyes and skin, nipple tenderness, kidney failure, excessive urination, nighttime urination, scant urine, premature ejaculation, difficulty maintaining an erection, serious blood disorders, high blood sugar, dehydration, weight gain, bone or muscle pain, muscle cramps or tenderness, increased sensitivity to sun, increased sweating, fever, and allergic reactions (rash, itching, hives). Notify your prescriber of serious or bothersome symptoms.

**INTERACTIONS**

- Furosemide may interact with many drugs, including other diuretics, some antibiotics (particularly aminoglycosides), some blood pressure drugs (such as beta blockers), some diabetes drugs (such as sulfonylureas), some anti-inflammatory drugs, cisplatin, clofibrate, digoxin, lithium, phenytoin, probenecid, theophylline, some muscle relaxants, and certain over-the-counter products. Tell all prescribers what drugs and other preparations you are taking.
- Don't take herbs without consulting your prescriber.
- Avoid alcohol use while taking this drug.

**STORAGE**

- Store tablets in a light-resistant container at room temperature.

**ADDITIONAL POINTS:**

Your initials: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_