

Medication Information Card

Alpha Blockers

Other names for this medication

Doxazosin - Cardura[®]

Prazosin - Minipress[®]

Terazosin - Hytrin[®]

There are many other names for this medication.

How this medication is used

This medication is used to treat high blood pressure. This medication relaxes the blood vessels.

This medication can be used to treat prostate problems and help men pass water and urinate easier.

How to take this medication

Take this medication exactly as directed by your doctor. It must be taken regularly, even if you feel well.

Take this medication at the same time each day.

If you miss a dose of this medication, take it as soon as possible. However, if it is almost time for the next dose, skip the missed dose and go back to your regular time. Do not take 2 doses at one time.

To avoid stomach upset, take this medication with a meal or snack.

While taking this medication you may notice

- headache
- weakness and tiredness
- swelling of the ankles, feet or lower legs
- dry mouth
- nausea
- your heartbeat is faster than normal
- dizziness

To avoid feeling dizzy, get up slowly when you have been sitting or lying down. If you feel dizzy, sit or lie down until you are no longer dizzy, then get up slowly.

Take this medication at bedtime if it causes continued dizziness.

To help dry mouth, try sucking sugar-free candy or chewing sugar-free gum. Sucking on ice chips also helps if you are not on a limited fluid diet. Good care of your teeth is very important at this time.

Contact your doctor if you notice

- changes in your eyesight
- continued stuffy nose
- continued weakness or tiredness
- continued dizziness or drowsiness