



DIGOXIN

Patient Information

Uses

Digoxin is used to treat certain heart problems such as fast or irregular heart rhythms and heart failure.

Tell your doctor, nurse or pharmacist if you:

- Have allergies.
- Are pregnant or plan to become pregnant.
- Are breast feeding.
- Are taking any other medicine, including those you buy yourself, such as aspirin or cold medicine.
- Have any other medical problems.
- Are an insulin dependent diabetic and/or taking a diuretic (water pill), monitor yourself closely for increased side effects of Digoxin (see below).

Take this medicine:

- Exactly the way your doctor told you.
- Even if you feel well, you need to keep taking it to keep your heart working as it should.

Warning

- Do not suddenly stop taking this medicine.
- Do not forget to check your pulse regularly. Ask your doctor what your pulse rate should be.
- If you miss a dose, take it as soon as possible if you remember within 12 hours. However, if you do not remember until later, skip it. Do not double dose. If you miss doses for more than 2 or more days in a row, check with your doctor.

- After you begin taking this medicine, your doctor may sometimes check your blood to find out if your dose needs to be changed. Do not change your dose unless your doctor tells you to.
- Do not have any surgery or dental or emergency treatment unless you tell the doctor or dentist in charge that you are taking this medicine.
- Do not take any other medicines unless your doctor tells you to.
- If you think you have taken an overdose of this medicine, check with your doctor.
- Do not give any of your medicine to others. It may hurt them.
- Do not leave this medicine where children can get it.

Side Effects

Tell your doctor if you notice any of these possible side effects:

Rare - Skin rash or hives.

Possible signs of toxicity (in the order in which they may occur) - Loss of appetite, nausea or vomiting, lower stomach pain, diarrhea, unusual tiredness or weakness, slow or irregular heart rate (may be fast in children), blurred vision or "yellow, green, or white vision" (yellow, green, or white halo seen around objects), drowsiness, confusion or mental depression, headache, fainting.

Also tell your doctor if you have any other side effects.

Other names for this medication

Digitalis
Lanoxin
Lanoxicaps