**What Furosemide tablets are and what they are used for**

Furosemide tablets are a type of diuretic medication. They are used to treat various conditions related to fluid retention and electrolyte imbalance, such as:

- **Heart Failure**
- **Liver Cirrhosis**
- **Kidney Failure**
- **Nephrotic Syndrome**
- **Oedema**
- **Pregnancy**
- **Preventing Transplant Rejection**

**Before you take**

Before starting Furosemide tablets, it is important to consult with your healthcare provider. Make sure to inform them of all other medications you are taking, as some may interact with Furosemide. This includes:

- **Drug Interactions**
- **Allergy History**
- **Previous Reactions**

**Possible side effects**

While taking Furosemide, you may experience side effects, some of which may require medical attention. These include:

- **Low Blood Pressure**
- **Kidney Problems**
- **Liver Damage**
- **Gastrointestinal Problems**

**Further information**

Furosemide tablets are not suitable for everyone, and it is crucial to follow your doctor’s instructions carefully. If you experience any side effects or concerns, contact your healthcare provider immediately.

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48x210 Leaflet Reel Fed Profile (BST)

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**Furosemide Tablets**

40mg x 28’s (UK)

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Driving and using machines
Do not drive or operate machinery if you feel less alert after taking Furosemide tablets.

Important information about some of the ingredients in Furosemide tablets
Your medicine contains lactose; do not take Furosemide tablets if you have been told by your doctor that you have an intolerance to a sugar called lactose.

How to take
Always take Furosemide tablets exactly as your doctor has told you. If you are not sure, check with your doctor or pharmacist.

Swallow the tablets with a glass of water.

Doses:
- Adults and children over 12 years:
  - Water retention: the usual starting dose is 40mg in the morning, then 20mg a day or 40mg on alternate days. Up to 80mg a day may be given.
  - High blood pressure: 20-40mg twice a day.
- Elderly: may be reduced in this age group.
- Children under 12 years: a more suitable dosage form is used in this age group.

Dosage adjustment may be necessary in patients with:
- Hypoalbuminaemia
- Liver congestion/dysfunction

If you take more than you should
If you take more medicine than your doctor has told you to, contact a doctor or your nearest hospital casualty department immediately and take your Furosemide tablets with you. Symptoms of an overdose include dehydration and changes in the levels of certain chemicals in the blood.

If you forget to take the tablets
If you forget to take a dose, take another as soon as you remember. Then take your next dose at the normal time. Do not take double the amount to make up for a forgotten dose.

If you stop taking Furosemide tablets
Speak to your doctor before you stop taking Furosemide tablets.

Possible side effects
Like all medicines, Furosemide tablets can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them.

If you have any of the following side effects while taking your medicine tell your doctor immediately or go to hospital straight away:
- Severe allergic reaction which may include a skin rash, itching, dermatitis, peeling skin, sensitivity to sunlight or sun lamps or fever, swelling of the face, lips, tongue or throat, or difficulty breathing or swallowing.
- Inflammation of blood vessels (vasculitis, which may cause rash, fever and joint or muscle pains) or kidney inflammation, this may change the number of times you pass urine or you may see blood in your urine. You may have a fever, feel dizzy, or notice swelling e.g. of the ankles or hands.

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you notice any of the following side effects:

Very common: may affect more than 1 in 10 people
- Dehydration
- Altered balance of fluid or chemicals in the body (e.g. sodium, potassium, chlorine, calcium and magnesium) causing a dry mouth, weakness, tiredness or drowsiness, restlessness, fits, muscle pain fatigue or cramps, low blood pressure causing loss of concentration and slowed reactions, difficulty passing water, fast or irregular heart rate and feeling and being sick.

Common: may affect up to 1 in 10 people
- Low blood volume (hypovolaemia)
- Increased creatinine and blood urea (seen in blood tests)

Uncommon: may affect up to 1 in 100 people
- Anaemia causing tiredness, breathlessness, unusual tiredness or bruising, changes in the body seen in tests such as levels of cholesterol, glucose, uric acid, Gout
- Changes in vision including blurred or yellow vision
- Light-headedness, sensations of pressure in the head, headache, dizziness, weakness, changes in vision, dry mouth, dizziness or standing, irregular heartbeat.

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