Furosemide 20mg tablets

Read all of this leaflet carefully before you start taking this medicine.

- Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.
- If you have any further questions, ask your doctor or pharmacist.
- This medicine has been prescribed for you. Do not pass it on to others. It may harm them, even if their symptoms are the same as yours.
- If any of the side effects get serious, or if you notice any side effects not listed in this leaflet, please tell your doctor or pharmacist.

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1. What Furosemide tablets are and what they are used for

Furosemide tablets are one of a group of medicines called diuretics (water tablets). Your doctor has prescribed Furosemide tablets to treat a condition called oedema where there is too much water in your body. This could be due to problems with your heart, kidneys, liver, blood vessels or high blood pressure. Furosemide helps your kidneys to get rid of the extra water that is not needed in your body.

2. Before you take

Do not take Furosemide tablets if you:
- are allergic/hypersensitive to furosemide, other sulphonamide related drugs or any of the other ingredients in Furosemide tablets (see section 6).
- have severe kidney damage which has stopped them working properly and producing urine.
- have very low levels of potassium, sodium or other electrolytes in your blood or low blood volume (your doctor will be able to advise you)
- are dehydrated
- have low blood pressure
- take potassium supplements or potassium sparing diuretics for high blood pressure (e.g. amiloride or spironolactone)
- have liver cirrhosis (scarring, weakness, water retention, feeling or being sick, loss of weight or appetite, yellowing skin or eyes, itch or liver encephalopathy (confusion, altered levels of consciousness and coma as a result of liver failure)
- have Addison’s disease (low levels of corticosteroid hormones secreted)
- have digitalis poisoning (feeling or being sick, high levels of potassium in the blood, slow, fast or irregular heart beats).
- are breast-feeding

Check with your doctor or pharmacist before taking Furosemide tablets if you have:
- low blood volume (hypovolaemia) or are at risk of developing low blood pressure

3. How to take

遵照医生的指示使用。请根据你的症状和健康状况，调整药物的剂量。若出现副作用，应立即停止用药，并通知医生。

4. Possible side effects

- Low blood volume (hypovolaemia) e.g. low blood pressure
- Low potassium levels in the blood
- Slow, fast or irregular heart beats
- Confusion, altered levels of consciousness and coma as a result of liver failure
- Digitalis poisoning (feeling or being sick, high levels of potassium in the blood, slow, fast or irregular heart beats).
- Breast-feeding

5. How to store

- Do not take Furosemide tablets after the expiry date shown on the packaging. If you take Furosemide tablets after the expiry date, it may not work as well as it should have.
- Keep Furosemide tablets in the original container.
- Keep Furosemide tablets out of the reach of children.
- Do not use Furosemide tablets if the packaging shows any changes in appearance.

6. Further information

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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: 1 mg/kg of body weight. A more suitable dosage form e.g. oral solution, may be appropriate.

Dosage adjustment may be necessary in patients with:
• Hypothyroidism
• 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, changes in the levels of certain chemicals in the blood and low blood pressure.

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, 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 drowsy, or notice swelling e.g. of the ankles.
• Blood clot (causing pain, swelling or tenderness in the leg).

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, fits, muscle pain, fatigue or cramps, low 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 bleeding 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 when standing,
  • Irregular heartbeat

Further information
What Furosemide tablets contain
• Each tablet contains the active substance (the ingredient that makes the tablets work) Furosemide, each tablet contains 20mg.
• The other ingredients are lactose, magnesium stearate, maize starch, stearic acid.

What Furosemide tablets look like and contents of the pack
Furosemide tablets are white, uncoated tablets. Pack size is 28.

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20mg x 28's (UK)

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