

Bumetanide



The Heart Centre

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What is bumetanide (Bumex, Apo-Bumetanide, Novo-Bumetanide)?

Bumetanide (byoo-MET-a-nide) is a medication that may be used to treat heart failure or kidney conditions. It helps decrease extra salt and water in the body by increasing the amount of urine the body makes. Bumetanide belongs to a class of medications called diuretics or “water pills”.

It comes only in tablet form.

How do I give this medicine?

- ▶ Give ___ tablet(s) (= ___mg) ___ times a day by mouth or crushed by NG or GT

How is this medication stored?

- ▶ Tablets should be kept at room temperature away from sunlight
- ▶ Keep tablets away from moist and damp places
- ▶ Keep medication out of the reach of small children

What should I do if a dose is missed?

- ▶ Give the missed dose as soon as you remember. If it is close to the time for the next dose, skip the missed dose and give the next dose at the normal time.
- ▶ Do **not** double up the dose.
- ▶ If your child vomits within 15 minutes after a dose - give a new dose. If longer than 15 minutes then wait until next normal medication time.

Possible common side effects:

- Dizziness or lightheaded due to low blood pressure
- Stomach upset
- Headache, fatigue(tired)
- Muscle cramps
- Thirst, dry mouth

Call cardiologist, cardiology clinic or seek care if your child has any of the following:

- ▶ Diarrhea and/or vomiting lasting longer than 4 hours or _____ hrs.
- ▶ Skin rash
- ▶ Any new symptoms that seem different from your usual heart symptoms

Other notes or special instructions:

- If the child has taken or been given an extra dose and you are worried call Healthlink BC at 811
- If your child accidentally has taken or been given an overdose call:



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1-800-567-8911 • 604 -682-5050

- ▶ **Hold the dose if your child is not eating or drinking well.**
- ▶ This medication can lower blood pressure. You may want to ask your child to get out of bed or stand up slowly.
- ▶ This medicine causes the body to lose potassium. Bumetanide is often given with another diuretic called spironolactone to stop potassium loss. Your doctor may order bloodwork to check sodium and potassium levels.
- ▶ Your doctor may suggest your child eat/drink foods that contain more potassium (such as orange juice or bananas). Please ask your doctor because extra potassium may not be needed.
- ▶ Check with your doctor or pharmacist before starting any new medications, over the counter medication, and herbal products.

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