

Digoxin



The Heart Centre

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What is Digoxin (Lanoxin, Toloxin)?

Digoxin (di-JOKS-in) is a medication that may be used in patients with heart failure to help the heart pump stronger, improving blood flow and oxygen to the body. Digoxin may also be used to control abnormally fast heart rhythms in supraventricular tachycardia (SVT).

Digoxin comes in tablets and liquid forms.

How do I give this medicine?

- ▶ Give ___ mL or ___ tablet(s) (= _____mg) _____ times a day by mouth/NG or GT

How is this medication stored?

- ▶ Keep at room temperature away from sunlight
- ▶ Keep it away from moist and damp places
- ▶ Keep medication out of the reach of small children

What should I do if a dose is missed?

- ▶ **Ask your pharmacist if you should give a missed dose.** You may be able to give the missed dose as soon as you remember. If it is close to the time for the next dose, skip the missed dose-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:

- Greater chance of a new abnormal heart rhythm
- Mild diarrhea, (loose watery stool)
- Drowsiness, dizziness
- Upset stomach or vomiting
- Loss of appetite, poor feeding

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

- ▶ Vomiting for more than 24hrs or _____hrs.
- ▶ Skin rash
- ▶ Diarrhea
- ▶ 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:



BC Drug and Poison Centre:
1-800-567-8911 • 604 -682-5050

- ▶ Digoxin may be taken with or without food. If your child has an upset stomach it may be taken with food or after a feeding.
- ▶ Digoxin may interact with other common medications used to treat SVT such as Amiodarone and Flecainide. Your doctor and pharmacist will be checking this closely.
- ▶ Check with your doctor or pharmacist before starting any new medications, over the counter medication (including other heart medications, antibiotics), or herbal products.
- ▶ Your doctor may order blood tests and electrocardiograms (ECGs) while on this medication.

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