

Flecainide



The Heart Centre

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What is Flecainide (Tambocor®)?

Flecainide (fle-KAY-nide) is a medication that may be used to prevent or control abnormal heart rhythms. The most common is for supraventricular tachycardia (SVT). It belongs to a group of medicines called antiarrhythmics.

Flecainide comes in tablet and liquid (suspension) form.

How do I give this medicine?

- ▶ Shake well if liquid form
- ▶ Dairy products (milk, formula) may decrease absorption of flecainide. Don't give medication at the same time as milk or formula feeds (**separate by 1-2 hours**)
- ▶ Give this medication at the same time every day at equally spaced times
- ▶ Give ___ mL or ___ tablet(s) (= _____ mg) _____ times a day by mouth/NG or GT

How is this medication stored?

- ▶ Do **not** store liquid in fridge
- ▶ Keep at room temperature away from sunlight
- ▶ Keep medication 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 30 minutes after a dose - give a new dose. If longer than 30 minutes then wait until next normal medication time.

Possible common side effects:

- Greater chance of a new abnormal heart rhythm
- Nausea, diarrhea (loose, watery stool)
- Headache, dizziness
- Blurred vision or seeing flashes of light
- Fatigue (tired)

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

- ▶ Skin rash
- ▶ Decreased food or feeding, poor appetite
- ▶ Any new symptoms that seem different from your usual heart symptoms
- ▶ Large changes in type or amount of child's milk preparation (Breast milk, formula or cow's milk).

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

- ▶ Your doctor will likely order an ECG while on this medication.
- ▶ Flecainide may interact with other medications such as digoxin. Your pharmacist and doctor will check this closely.
- ▶ Check with your doctor or pharmacist before starting any new medications, over the counter medications, or herbal products.
- ▶ Flecainide liquid must be made by a specialized pharmacy. Make sure your pharmacy is able to make flecainide for your child.
- ▶ Check expiry of liquid.

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