

A medication information leaflet for paediatric patients

Amiloride

Other names: Amiloride Biomed®



Important note: The following information is intended to add to, not replace, the knowledge and judgment of your doctor, pharmacist or other health care professional.

The name of your child's medication is: amiloride

Why is your child taking this medicine?

Amiloride belongs to a group of medicines known as potassium-sparing diuretics. It is given to treat oedema (water retention) caused by heart failure. It prevents the build up of fluid in the body by increasing the amount excreted by the kidneys. Unlike other diuretics it does not cause the body to lose potassium.

When to give this medicine to your child

- Give exactly as directed by your doctor or pharmacist, never give more than the prescribed dose.
- Give amiloride at the same time(s) every day. Marking a calendar may be a helpful reminder.
- If giving your child amiloride liquid carefully measure each dose with an oral syringe.
- Ensure you always have a supply of medicine on hand.

DO NOT STOP amiloride without your doctor's permission.

What should you do if your child misses a dose

Give the dose as soon as you remember except when it is close to the time for the next dose. If it is almost time for the next dose, skip the missed dose and return to the regular dosing schedule. You should not give two doses at the same time.

What should you do if your child vomits after a dose

If the vomiting occurs less than 15 minutes after the medicine is given, give the entire dose again. If more than 15 minutes have passed, do not give it again until the next scheduled dose.

Side effects

Unfortunately as well as having good effects, most medicines have some effects on the body that are unwanted. These are called *side effects*.

Call your doctor or speak to your pharmacist **immediately** if your child has any of these side effects:

- diarrhoea
- excessive thirst
- swollen ankles
- is excessively irritable
- loss of muscle tone, weakness

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if your child has these side effects:

- skin rash
- cough

The list of side effects is **not** complete. Tell your doctor or pharmacist if any of these side effects are of a concern to you.

Other Medication

Always check with your doctor or pharmacist before giving your child any other medicines including herbal or complementary products and medicines you can buy without a prescription.

Storage

Keep all medicines out of the reach of children.

Read this leaflet and discuss any questions you have about your medicines with your doctor or pharmacist.