

A medication information leaflet for paediatric patients**CAPTOPRIL****Other names:** Capoten Oral Solution®

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: **Captopril**

Why is your child taking this medication?

Captopril is given to help reduce high blood pressure or to treat congestive heart failure.

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 captopril at the same time(s) every day. Marking a calendar may be a helpful reminder.
- Carefully measure each dose of captopril liquid with an oral syringe.
- Ensure you always have a supply of medicine on hand.

DO NOT STOP giving captopril 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 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:

- unexplained fever, chills or sore throat
- pain on passing urine, passes less urine than usual or if you notice blood in the urine
- swelling of the face, lips or tongue

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

- skin rash
- dizziness
- diarrhoea
- nausea
- taste disturbance (usually reversible after 2 to 3 months)
- Persistent dry cough. This is common effect of captopril and can be very annoying. It usually starts in the first week of therapy.

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

Captopril - Capoten Oral Solution® must be stored in the refrigerator. Once the bottle is opened it can only be used for a maximum of 28 days. Make sure that you follow the expiry instructions on the bottle and get a fresh supply of captopril in plenty of time to ensure that your child has a supply on hand. Give any remaining expired captopril to your pharmacist for safe disposal.

Keep all medicines out of reach of children.

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