

Family Education Sheet

Capoten® (Captopril) Medication Sheet



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What does captopril do?

- It lowers blood pressure.
- It lowers the work load of the heart muscle.



How long will my child need to take captopril?

- Give this medication to your child unless you are told to stop by your child's health care provider.
- Continue to take this medication even if your child feels well.



How does my child take captopril?

- Captopril comes as a pill or a liquid.
 - * Shake the liquid well before using it.
- Your child's medication schedule: _____



Are there interactions between captopril and other medications?

- Talk with your child's health care provider before giving any new medications, over-the-counter medications or natural supplements.
- Some products may change the way the medication works, which could be dangerous.



What are some common side effects?

- Dizziness
- Cough
- Increased potassium in the blood

These are not all of the side effects that may occur. If you have questions about side effects or want advice about this medication, please call your child's health care provider.



When do I call my Health Care Provider?

- Call if your child has persistent vomiting or frequent diarrhea or is not eating or drinking normally.
- Call if your child misses 2 doses in a row due to vomiting or other illness.
- Call before your child has any type of surgery.

If you think there has been an overdose, call your poison control center or get medical care right away. Be ready to tell or show what was taken, how much, and when it happened.