Hydralazine (Apresoline)

DRUG INFORMATION FOR CHILDREN

Child’s name ___________________________________________________________

Hydralazine reduces the pressure in the blood vessels. This helps the heart to pump blood with less work and increases the amount of blood pumped out with each heartbeat. It is very important to give this medicine as prescribed.

Your child takes

☐ yellow pill (10 mg.)  Dosage ______________________
☐ blue pill   (25 mg)
☐ liquid

It is important to remember...

If you use the liquid, keep it in the refrigerator and throw it away after one week.

Call your doctor or nurse before giving your child any kind of medicines, even those you buy without a prescription, such as cough syrup or cold remedies. Some medicines may make hydralazine lower the blood pressure too much.

Hydralazine may cause your child to feel dizzy and faint, especially when sitting up or standing up quickly. If this happens, have your child lie down or sit with the head between the legs.

If you miss a dose

Do not give doses of this medicine less than six hours apart. If you miss giving a dose, skip it, unless there will be more than six hours before the next scheduled dose. Never give more medicine than prescribed at one time or in one day.

Call your doctor or nurse at (615) 322-7447 if your child...

• has a red, flushed face and feels sweaty
• has a fever
• has a rash
• has less appetite than usual
• has headaches
• has a fluttery heart beat
• has swollen or painful joints
• feels dizzy and faints more than two times in one week

Storage

Keep hydralazine tablets in a cool dry place and hydralazine liquid in the refrigerator. Keep both closed tightly in the original bottle away from the reach of children.

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