

DOCTORS FOSTER^{and}SMITH[®] PHARMACY

Patient Information Sheet

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For questions or to consult with a pharmacist, call 1-800-447-3021 Mon-Fri from 9am-6pm CST and Sat from 9am-1pm CST. If you have an emergency situation, please contact your local veterinarian immediately.

Amlodipine

(Norvasc)

Common Drug Name

Amlodipine besylate

Common Brand Names

Norvasc

Generic products are available.

Storage

Refrigerate oral suspension. Store other forms at room temperature in a tight, light resistant, childproof container.

Uses

Amlodipine besylate is in a class of drugs called calcium channel blockers. It affects the heart and blood vessels and is used to treat hypertension (high blood pressure), especially in cats with kidney disease.

Dose and Administration

Always follow the dosage instructions provided by your veterinarian. If you have difficulty giving the medication, contact your veterinarian.

May be given with food.

IMPORTANT: Do not miss a dose. A missed dose can result in a sudden rise in blood pressure, which could lead to blindness, kidney damage, seizures, or collapse.

If you miss a dose, give it as soon as you remember. If it is almost time for the next dose, skip the one you missed and go back to the regular schedule.

Do not give 2 doses at once.

This medication should only be given to the pet for whom it was prescribed.

Possible Side Effects

Cats: Side effects are rare. May see lethargy (drowsiness), loss of appetite, weight loss, swelling of the gums (gingival hyperplasia), or rapid heart rate.

Dogs: May see effects listed above. May also cause the blood to take longer to clot.

Consult your veterinarian if you notice any of the above side effects.

If your pet experiences an allergic reaction to the medication, signs may include facial swelling, hives, scratching, sudden onset of diarrhea, vomiting, shock, seizures, pale gums, cold limbs, or coma. If you observe any of these signs, contact your veterinarian immediately.

Precautions

Not for use in animals hypersensitive (allergic) to it.

Use with caution in animals with heart failure or liver disease.

Do not use in breeding, pregnant, or lactating females. Do not use in breeding males.

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Consult with your veterinarian regarding the physical examinations and blood pressure measurements that are necessary during treatment with amlodipine.

Drug, Food, and Test Interactions

Consult your veterinarian before using amlodipine with vitamins, supplements, aspirin, warfarin, with diuretics (e.g., furosemide, salix), certain heart medications called beta-blockers (e.g., propranolol, atenolol), and other medications that also lower blood pressure, since interactions may occur.

Signs of Toxicity/Overdose

May see staggering (dizziness), collapse, or slow heart rate.

If you know or suspect your pet has had an overdose, or if you observe any of these signs in your pet, contact your veterinarian immediately.

Keep this and all other medications out of the reach of children and pets.