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ATENOLOL

(BRAND NAME: Tenormin)

STRENGTH: 25 mg, 50 mg, 100 mg tablets

ROUTE OF ADMINISTRATION: ORAL

May be given with or without food.

ACTION OF MEDICATION: Beta-1 Receptor Blocker. Blocking beta-1 receptors leads to slowing of heart, alleviating rapid heart rhythm disturbances, and allows for more complete heart chamber filling.

MOST COMMON SIDE EFFECTS REPORTED: Mild diarrhea, usually mitigated by giving medication with food.

SEVERE SIDE EFFECTS REPORTED: Low blood pressure which can manifest as collapse or listlessness. A dose adjustment will be needed.

STORAGE: Keep away from light and store at room temperature. Do not refrigerate.

IF YOU MISS A DOSE: Do not double up on the next dose. Simply give the medication when it is remembered or pick up with the next dose, allowing at least the proper interval between doses according to the label instructions.

OTHER INFORMATION: See the link below for potential interactions with other drugs. If atenolol is to be discontinued, this should be done gradually rather than suddenly.

For a more detailed presentation, visit:

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