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BENAZEPRIL

(Brand Name: Lotensin)

STRENGTH: 2.5 mg, 5 mg, 10 mg, 20 mg 40 mg Tablets

ROUTE OF ADMINISTRATION: Oral. Can be given with or without food, see label for instructions.

ACTION OF MEDICATION: Angiotensin Converting Enzyme Inhibitor (ACE Inhibitor, ACEI) - used mostly to treat heart failure, to treat high blood pressure, or to reduce renal (kidney) protein loss.

MOST COMMON SIDE EFFECTS REPORTED: Vomiting, diarrhea, appetite loss.

SEVERE SIDE EFFECTS REPORTED: Low blood pressure/hypotension manifesting as listlessness or incoordination. Blood potassium levels can elevate creating a slow heart rate. Can interfere with circulation through the kidneys. Expect monitoring tests to be needed especially after dose changes.

STORAGE: Keep away from light. Store at room temperature.

IF YOU MISS A DOSE: Do not double up on the next dose. Pick up when the next dose would be normally due.

OTHER INFORMATION: There are many drugs that can interact with benazepril so as to make the side effects listed above more likely. Medications that can interact include: allopurinol, hypoglycemic agents, angiotensin receptor blockers, benzodiazepine tranquilizers, cyclosporine, NSAIDs, opioids, muscle relaxers, pentoxifylline, trazodone, and mirtazapine. For more details, see the link below.

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