



# Mar Vista Animal Medical Center

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## **BENAZEPRIL** **(Brand Names: Lotensin,** **Fortekor, Cardalis** **(combined with spironolactone))**

**STRENGTH:** 2.5mg, 5mg, 10mg, 20mg 40mg 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 or to reduce renal (kidney) protein loss.

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

**SERIOUS SIDE EFFECTS:** 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, pentoxifulline, trazodone, and mirtazapine. For more details, see the link below.

For a more detailed presentation, visit:

<https://www.marvistavet.com/benazepril.pml>