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BETHANECHOL

(BRAND NAME: Urecholine)

STRENGTH: 5 mg, 10 mg, 25 mg, 50 mg Tablets

ROUTE OF ADMINISTRATION: ORAL. This medication can be given with or without food; however, mild upset stomach side effects are reduced if given with food.

ACTION OF MEDICATION: Muscarinic cholinergic receptor stimulant. Used almost exclusively to facilitate emptying of the urinary bladder but could be used to improve intestinal/stomach/esophageal motility.

MOST COMMON SIDE EFFECTS REPORTED: Salivation, mild upset stomach, small pupils, increased tear production.

SEVERE SIDE EFFECTS REPORTED: Drop in blood pressure (manifested as collapse or listlessness). Asthma attack. (These problems generally require a very high dose of bethanechol)

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 and continue dosing at the appropriate interval.

OTHER INFORMATION: Best used in conjunction with a second medication to relax the bladder sphincter.

For a more detailed presentation, visit:

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