

FUROSEMIDE

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What does it do?

Furosemide is used to reduce excess fluid in your body and to lower blood pressure.

How should you take it?

Take *furosemide* regularly as directed, usually in the morning.

Take the tablets with a glass of water.

Measure the liquid carefully with an oral syringe or measuring spoon.

What if you forget a dose?

Take the missed dose as soon as possible. If it is close to the time for your next dose, skip the missed dose and carry on as normal. Do not take two doses at the same time.

Can you take other medicines?

Some medicines available without a prescription may react with *furosemide* including:

- anti-inflammatories, such as diclofenac (e.g. Voltaren®), ibuprofen (e.g. Nurofen®), or aspirin (e.g. Disprin®, in doses used for pain relief). These can also be found in some cold and flu medicines (e.g. Nurofen Cold and Flu®).

Tell your pharmacist or doctor about all medicines or treatments that you may be taking, including vitamins, herbal products or recreational drugs.

What side effects might you notice?

Side Effects	Recommended action
Fast or irregular heartbeat Muscle cramps or weakness Hearing loss	Tell your doctor
Dizziness, headache, tiredness Dry mouth, peeing more often, feeling thirsty Stomach upset Changes in vision Gout attack	Tell your doctor if troublesome

If you notice any other effects, discuss them with your doctor or pharmacist.

Other information:

- Tell your doctor if you have kidney or liver problems, diabetes, gout, osteoporosis (weak bones), or trouble peeing.
- Tell your doctor if you are pregnant, planning to become pregnant, or breastfeeding.
- Store *furosemide* liquid as directed. It expires 3 weeks after you first open the bottle. If you have any liquid leftover after 3 weeks, take it back to your pharmacy.