

PATIENT INFORMATION LEAFLET



MEDICINE TO TREAT: HYPERTENSION

ACE (Angiotensin Converting Enzyme) Inhibitors

1 What are ACE-Inhibitors used for?

The ACE-inhibitors are used to reduce the production of a substance called angiotensin II that causes the blood vessels to narrow.

2 What are the possible side effects of ACE-Inhibitors?

The most common side effect is a dry hacking cough that is persistent and annoying. Other side effects are rare and include rash, loss of taste and lightheadedness on getting up.

3 What precautions should I take?

If you are pregnant or planning to conceive, you should inform your doctor. The medicine should not be taken together with high doses of diuretics as this may give rise to low blood pressure. Your doctor may need to monitor you for electrolyte imbalances when you are on this medicine.

4 What are the commonly used ACE-Inhibitors?

- Captopril
- Enalapril
- Lisinopril