

# PATIENT INFORMATION LEAFLET



## MEDICINE TO TREAT: HYPERTENSION

### Alpha1-Adrenergic Blocker Prazosin

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#### 1 What are Alpha1-Adrenergic Blockers used for?

These agents counter the action of substances, which cause blood vessel narrowing. As a result, blood vessels are able to widen and hence lower the blood pressure.

#### 2 What are the possible side effects of Alpha1-Adrenergic Blockers?

This medicine can cause significant lowering of blood pressure with change in posture. Change of posture, especially from lying down to standing up, can cause giddiness or fainting. However, symptoms are usually mild and transient. Other side effects are headaches and irregular heart beat. They can cause urinary incontinence in patients.

#### 3 What precautions should I take?

You should avoid sudden postural changes to minimise the side effect of giddiness, especially after the first dose.