

PATIENT INFORMATION LEAFLET



MEDICINE TO TREAT: HYPERTENSION

Beta Blockers

1 What are Beta Blockers used for?

Beta blockers are used to control high blood pressure and treat certain heart conditions such as irregular heart beats and heart attack. It is also used to manage migraine and some thyroid disorders. It slows down the heartbeat and reduces the need for oxygen by the heart.

2 What are the possible side effects of Beta Blockers?

Patients taking beta blockers may experience fatigue, dizziness, numbness or tingling of fingers and toes. Some men may experience a certain degree of impotence.

3 What precautions should I take?

If you have a history of asthma, you should inform your doctor because the medicine may precipitate an asthmatic attack. If you are pregnant or planning to conceive, you should also consult your doctor before using this medicine.

4 What are the commonly used Beta Blockers?

- Atenolol
- Propranolol
- Metoprolol
- Carvedilol