

PATIENT INFORMATION LEAFLET



MEDICINE TO TREAT: HYPERTENSION

Vasodilators

1 What are Vasodilators used for?

Vasodilators act directly on blood vessels and lower blood pressure by causing the blood vessels to widen.

2 What are the possible side effects of Vasodilators?

This medicine may give rise to an increase in heart rate, water retention, flushing and headaches. Minoxidil may cause excessive hair growth on the face and body. Hydralazine may, rarely, cause skin rash, joint pain and fever.

3 What precautions should I take?

This medicine may cause the blood pressure to fall excessively when you are taking it for the first time.

4 What are the commonly used Vasodilators?

- Hydralazine