

# PATIENT INFORMATION

Medicine To Treat: \_\_\_\_\_

## **H**ypertension

*Alpha - Adrenergic Blocker*

*Prazosin*



## **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.

## **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 may be headaches and irregular heart beat. They may cause urinary incontinence in patients.

## **WHAT PRECAUTIONS SHOULD I TAKE?**

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

***Keep all medication out of reach of children.***

## **WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I FORGET A DOSE?**

- If you miss a dose, take the missed dose as soon as you remember. If it is almost time for your next dose, take only the usual dose. Do not double the dosage.

## **HOW SHOULD I STORE MY MEDICINE?**

- Unless instructed otherwise, store your medicines in a cool, dry place and protect them from moisture, heat and direct sunlight.
- Store medicine in the original labelled container. Do not keep different types of medicine together in one container.

***Discard all medication that is outdated or no longer required.***