

Medication Information

Angiotensin Converting Enzyme Inhibitor (ACE Inhibitor)

Other names for this medication

Accupril – Quinapril[®]

Enalapril – Vasotec[®]

Lisinopril – Zestril[®]

Ramipril – Altace[®]

Captopril – Capoten[®]

Fosinopril – Monopril[®]

Perindopril – Coversyl[®]

There are many other names for this medication.

How this medication is used

This medication is used to treat high blood pressure and heart failure. It works by relaxing the blood vessels. This allows more blood to go to your heart. The more blood that goes to your heart, the more oxygen the heart gets. This helps the heart work better.

This medication may be used after a heart attack.

This medication may be used to prevent kidney problems caused by diabetes.

It may take several weeks to get the full effect of this medication.

How to take this medication

Take this medication exactly as directed by your health care provider. It must be taken regularly, even if you feel well.

If you miss a dose of this medication, take it as soon as possible. However, if it is almost time for the next dose, skip the missed dose and go back to your regular time. Do not take 2 doses at one time.

Do not take this medication if you are pregnant or planning to get pregnant.

While taking this medication you may notice

- dizziness
- headache
- a salty, metallic or unusual taste in your mouth

To avoid feeling dizzy, get up slowly when you have been sitting or lying down. If you feel dizzy, sit or lie down until you are no longer dizzy, then get up slowly.

Contact your health care provider if you notice

- continued dry cough
- continued dizziness or fainting
- skin rash
- swelling of face, lips and tongue
- signs of jaundice such as yellow eyes, yellow skin or dark urine