

Medication Information Card

Ethacrynic Acid

(Eth – a – krin ik Ass – id)

Other names for this medication

Edecrin[®]

There are many other names for this medication.

How this medication is used

This medication helps your body get rid of extra water by making more urine. It is sometimes called a water or fluid pill.

This medication is used to treat high blood pressure and heart failure. It is often used after other water pills have not worked for you.

How to take this medication

Take this medication exactly as directed by your doctor. Take this medication at the same time each day. If you take this medication once a day, take it in the morning after breakfast. If you are taking it more than once a day, take the last dose about 6 hours before bedtime. This is so you may not have to get up during the night to go to the bathroom.

Take this medication with food if it upsets your stomach.

How to take this medication (continued)

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

As your body gets rid of extra water, you may also lose potassium. You may need to eat foods high in potassium such as bananas and oranges. You may also need to take potassium medication. Your doctor will decide this.

While taking this medication you may notice

- you urinate or pass water more often
- dizziness
- headache
- loss of appetite
- diarrhea

When you first start taking this medication, you will urinate more often and in larger amounts. This will decrease as your body gets used to this medication.

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 doctor if you notice

- hearing loss
- blurred vision
- severe diarrhea
- unusual thirst
- unusual bleeding or bruising
- unexplained sore throat or fever
- severe muscle cramps or weakness
- ringing in your ears
- vomiting
- skin rash