

Medication Information Card

Procainamide (Pro – kane – a – myde)

Other names for this medication

Procan SR[®]
Apo[®]-Procainamide

There are many other names for this medication.

How this medication is used

This medication helps your heart beat regularly.

Your doctor will check your heart often when you begin taking this medication.

How to take this medication

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

It is best to take this medication evenly spaced over 24 hours.

Do not stop taking this medication without checking with your doctor first.

To avoid stomach upset, take this medication with a meal or snack.

If you miss a dose of this medication, take it as soon as you remember. Take the next dose in 4 hours and then space the rest of the doses throughout the day. You need to have at least 4 hours between each dose. Do not take 2 doses at one time.

Tablets or Capsules: Swallow whole with a full glass of water. Do not crush, chew or suck the tablet or capsule.

While taking this medication you may notice

- nausea
- vomiting
- diarrhea
- the empty shell of the tablet in your stool
- dizziness

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

- continued diarrhea
- fever and chills
- joint pain and swelling
- skin rash
- unusual bleeding or bruising
- severe dizziness or fainting
- sore gums, mouth or throat
- unusual tiredness or weakness