

Intropic/Vasodilator MEDICATION GUIDE

Common meds: Milrinone, Primacor.

Read this Medication Guide before you start taking this drug and each time you get a refill. There may be new information. This Medication Guide does not take the place of talking to your healthcare provider about your medical condition or treatment. You and your healthcare provider should talk about this drug when you start taking it and at regular checkups.

What is the most important information I should know about this drug?

- You should not take this drug if you are allergic to it or if you have recently had a heart attack.
- Tell your Dr if you are pregnant, have low levels of potassium or if you have a heart rhythm disorder.
- It is important to tell your Dr all the medications you are currently taking; especially any form of digoxin (Lanoxin, Lanoxicaps, or Digitalis) or a diuretic or water pill.
- Tell your healthcare provider about all the medicines you take including prescription and non-prescription medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements.

How is this drug given?

- It is given in the vein at a hospital or clinic for up to 48 hours.

What is Milrinone?

- It works by relaxing the muscles in the blood vessels which causes them to widen or dilate. This lowers the blood pressure and allows blood to flow more easily through the arteries and veins.

What should I avoid while taking this drug?

- Follow your Doctors instructions regarding any restrictions on food, activity or beverages after this drug is given.

What are some side effects of this drug?

- Some less serious side effects are headache, tremors, and bruising or bleeding easily.
- Get emergency help as soon as possible if you experience any signs of allergic reactions like hives, problems breathing, or swelling of the face, lips, tongue or throat.

Medicines are sometimes prescribed for purposes not mentioned in a Medication Guide. Do not use this drug for a condition for which it was not prescribed. Do not give this drug to other people, even if they have the same condition. It may harm them.