

Heart Failure medications

1. Medicine information

- Class of medication
 - Angiotensin receptor blocker and neprilysin inhibitor
- Generic Name
 - Sacubitril/ valsartan
- Brand Name
 - Entresto
- Searchable by
 - Respective generic and brand names

- What is this medicine used for?
 - Patients with heart failure which occurs when the heart is weak and unable to pump enough blood to the lungs and the rest of the body
 - This medicine reduces the risk of death and hospitalization in chronic heart failure
 - It is usually used with other heart failure therapies, in place of an ACE inhibitor or ARB therapy

- Before taking this medicine, what precautions must I follow?
 - Do not take sacubitril/valsartan for at least 36 hours before or after you take an ACE inhibitor medicine
 - Inform your doctor if you are taking these medications (potassium supplements, nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs NSAIDs, lithium or other high blood pressure medications such as ACE inhibitor, ARB, aliskiren)
 - Inform your doctor if you have any kidney or liver problems
 - Inform your doctor if you are pregnant, planning to conceive or if you are breast-feeding

- How should this medicine be used?
 - You should use this medication as told by your doctor or pharmacist

- What should I do if I miss 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

- What side effects can this medicine cause?
 - Dizziness
 - Angioedema (swelling of face, lips, tongue or throat that results in trouble in breathing)
 - Your doctor may need to monitor you for electrolytes imbalances when you are on this medication

- How should I store this medicine?
 - Keep your medicines in a cool, dry place.
 - Store medicine in the original packaging or container. Do not keep different types of medicine together in one container.
 - Keep all medication out of reach of children.
- Other information I should know
 - You should not take this medicine if you
 - have allergy to any sacubitril, valsartan or any component of Entresto
 - have a history of angioedema related to previous ACE inhibitor or ARB therapy
 - are taking ACE inhibitors
 - are diabetic and taking aliskiren
 - are pregnant
 - are breastfeeding
 - have poor kidney function

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