

Amiodarone



How does it work?

Amiodarone is used to regulate heart rhythm (It is an antiarrhythmic medicine).

What is it used for?

It is used in a number of conditions such as:

- Ventricular tachycardia
- Ventricular fibrillation
- Atrial fibrillation



Are there any Side Effects?

- It may cause lung, thyroid, or liver problems. You will be closely watched when starting this drug
- Nausea and/or vomiting
- Constipation
- You may get sunburned easier
- Blue discoloration of the skin

Call your doctor/nurse practitioner (NP) right away if you have the following side effects:

- Trouble breathing or cough that does not go away.
- Unintentional weight loss or weight gain.
- Dark urine or yellow skin or eyes.
- Changes in vision.



How Do I Take It?

It is usually taken once or twice daily. It is best to take it at the same time each day, and with meals since food can help to absorb it.

Do not take it with grapefruit or grapefruit juice.

If you miss a dose take it as soon as possible. Do not double dose. If it is almost time for the next dose, skip the dose and return to your regular schedule.

Consult your doctor/NP or pharmacist prior to starting new medicines (e.g. herbal, or over-the-counter products) since this medicine may interact with other drugs.

Do NOT stop taking this medicine without checking with your doctor/NP first.

Be sure to fill your prescription as soon as possible following discharge from the hospital.

Other names for Amiodarone:

- Cordarone; Pacerone

Please note that this information sheet does not contain complete information about Amiodarone. If you need more information about this medicine, be sure to ask your doctor/NP or pharmacist.