

Medication Information

Hydralazine (High – dral – a – zeen)

Other names for this medication

Apresoline®
Apo®-Hydralazine

How this medication is used

This medication is used to treat high blood pressure and heart failure. This medication relaxes the blood vessels. This allows more blood to go to your heart. The more blood that goes to your heart, the more oxygen your heart gets. This helps your heart work better.

How to take this medication

Take this medication exactly as directed by your doctor or health care provider. It must be taken regularly, even if you feel well. It is best to take this medication at the same time each day.

Take this medication after eating. This makes sure your stomach absorbs the same amount of medication each day.

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

While taking this medication you may notice

- dizziness
- headache
- flushing
- upset stomach
- your heartbeat is faster than normal

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 or health care provider if you notice

- swollen joints and aches that persist
- swelling of hands, feet or legs
- chest or angina pain
- skin rash