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DOBUTAMINE - INJECTION

USES: This medication is used to treat heart conditions. The medication provides additional pumping strength by stimulating the heart muscle.

HOW TO USE THIS MEDICATION: This drug is given by IV infusion under the supervision of your doctor, nurse and/or pharmacist. The medication is diluted to at least 50 ml fluid before use.

SIDE EFFECTS: Notify your doctor if muscle cramps or weakness, chest pain, trouble breathing, dizziness, palpitations, or rash occur.

Also, headache, nausea or vomiting and restlessness may occur. Notify your doctor if they continue or are bothersome.

PRECAUTIONS: Before using this, tell your doctor if you have liver disease, any allergies, pheochromocytoma, or irregular heartbeat/arrhythmias.

This medication should be used only when clearly needed during pregnancy. Discuss the risks and benefits with your doctor.

It is not known whether this medication is excreted into breast milk. Consult your doctor before breast feeding to review risks.

DRUG INTERACTIONS: Tell your doctor of any nonprescription or prescription medicines you take, especially antidepressants (esp. tricyclics), maprotiline, beta blockers, digoxin, reserpine, MAO inhibitors (e.g., furazolidone, phenelzine, selegiline, tranylcypromine), methyldopa or guanethidine.

Dobutamine cannot be mixed with alkaline solutions such as sodium bicarbonate. Several other advisories apply to mixing or administering this medication. The pharmacist can assist with any questions or further information.

NOTES: Blood tests, particularly potassium and kidney function, are generally performed during treatment, as well as assessment of your heart and lung function and blood pressure.

MISSED DOSE: Follow instructions from your health care provider if you have problems with your IV infusion, or if treatment is interrupted.

STORAGE: Dobutamine diluted in IV solutions should be used

within 24 hours. Freezing should be avoided. Refrigerate IV solutions until use.

Pink discoloration is harmless if medication is used within proper time limits. Store away from moisture and light.

Your condition can cause complications in a medical emergency. For information on enrollment call Medic Alert(TM) at 1-800-854-1166. In Canada call 1-800-668-1507.