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ENCAINIDE - ORAL

USES: This medication is used to treat irregular heartbeats (arrhythmias) and maintain a normal heart rate.

HOW TO TAKE THIS MEDICATION: Take this medication with food or milk if stomach upset occurs.

This medication works best when there is a constant level of the drug in your body. To do this, take each dose exactly as prescribed at evenly spaced intervals. Try to take each dose at the same time(s) each day.

Do not stop taking this medication without consulting your doctor. Some conditions may become worse when the drug is suddenly stopped.

SIDE EFFECTS: Stomach upset, nausea, vomiting, altered taste sensation, diarrhea, constipation, dizziness, headache, ringing in the ears or blurred vision may occur as your body adjusts to the medication.

PRECAUTIONS: This medication should be used only when clearly needed during pregnancy. It is not known if this medication appears in breast milk. Consult with your doctor before breast-feeding.

Be sure your doctor or dentist knows your complete medical history especially if you are planning to undergo any medical or dental procedures.

DRUG INTERACTIONS: Inform your doctor about all the medicines you use (both prescription and nonprescription) especially if you take other medicine to treat irregular heartbeats (antiarrhythmics), digoxin (Lanoxin) or cimetidine (Tagamet for ulcers) because your dose may need to be adjusted.

NOTES: Your doctor may want you to check your pulse rate every day while you take this medication. Learn how to monitor your pulse.

To evaluate the effectiveness of this medication, your doctor may schedule regular check-ups.

MISSED DOSE: Take the missed dose as soon as you remember if it is within 4 hours. If you do not remember until later, skip the missed dose and resume your usual dosing schedule. Do not "double up" the doses.

STORAGE: Store at room temperature away from moisture and heat.
Do not store in the bathroom.

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.