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Taking furosemide safely

furosemide (Lasix) · water pill for fluid and blood pressure

3 MISTAKES TO AVOID

1. **Mixing it with the wrong medicines**
   Sucralfate 2 hours apart. Check NSAIDs, lithium and some antibiotics.
2. **Ignoring dehydration signs**
   Too much can cause severe loss of water and salt.
3. **Staying quiet about sulfa or hearing**
   Sulfa allergy may mean furosemide allergy. Report ear ringing.

How to take it

- **Exactly as prescribed.** Taking more can cause severe loss of water and salt.
- Twice a day? Your prescriber may set the second dose in the early afternoon.
- Keep every blood test, including potassium.
- Get up slowly if you feel lightheaded when you stand.

Medicine check (mistake #1)

- **Sucralfate:** take it at least 2 hours apart from furosemide.
- **NSAIDs** like ibuprofen can weaken it. **Lithium:** generally not given with it.
- **Aminoglycoside antibiotics** like gentamicin: together they can harm hearing.
- Other blood pressure medicines

IMPORTANT
Do not take furosemide if you cannot make urine. Allergic to sulfa medicines? Tell your pharmacist; you may also be allergic to furosemide.

Call your doctor right away if you notice

- Dry mouth, thirst, weakness, muscle cramps, or dizziness on standing
- Vomiting or diarrhea that keeps you from drinking enough
- Ringing in the ears or hearing loss
- Much less urine, a racing or irregular heartbeat, confusion or fainting

EMERGENCY: CALL 911
Severe rash or blisters, or swelling of the face, lips or throat: get medical help right away.

Good to know: it can raise blood sugar and uric acid, and make skin sensitive to sun. Pregnant or breastfeeding? Tell your care team.

Questions? Ask Dr. Mike at fairviewpharm.com/medications

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