

Aldactone/Aldactazide

DRUG INFORMATION FOR CHILDREN

Child's name _____

Both medicines help your child from building up too much fluid in the body. The medicine works on the kidneys to cause them to produce more urine.

Your child takes Aldactone (a pale pink liquid) **Dosage** _____
 Aldactazide (a small white pill)

Things you should do.....

Aldactone/Aldactazide liquid is made from crushing the pills and mixing them in cherry syrup. Because the mixture tends to separate easily, you will need to shake the bottle hard before measuring a dose. If you are unable to keep the medicine shaken up or if you see a white sediment at the bottom of the bottle before you measure the dose, throw it away and get a new supply of medicine. We recommend that you refill the prescription every three or four weeks, to make sure your child receives the full benefit of the medicine. It is best to have your prescription filled at Vanderbilt. If you cannot, ask your pharmacist to call the Pediatric Pharmacy at Vanderbilt at (615) 322-0708 for the recipe to make the medicine.

If you miss a dose.....

If you miss a dose, wait and give the next dose on time. Do not double a dose to catch up. If a dose is late, go ahead and give it, and do not give the next dose for at least six hours. If you forget several times during one week, call the nurses.

Call your doctor or nurse at (615) 322-7447 if your child...

- misses several doses of medicine in a week
- has puffy eyes
- develops swollen belly
- gets a skin rash
- becomes short of breath
- sweats when being fed, has trouble breathing and has fewer wet diapers
- vomits or has diarrhea for more than two days
- acts confused

Storage

Keep this medicine in the refrigerator, closed tightly in its original bottle, safely away from children. Throw away any old medicine that has separated.

Pediatric Cardiology (615) 322-7447

Cardiac Surgery (615) 322-0064



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