

Prazosin

INDICATIONS:

1. Hypertension
2. Heart failure
3. Benign prostatic hyperplasia
4. Raynaud's syndrome

SAFETY ALERT:

1. Adverse Drug Reactions:

During cataract surgery, Intraoperative Floppy Iris Syndrome (IFIS) may occur. Postural hypotension, syncope, tachycardia, palpitations, lack of energy, dizziness, drowsiness, headache, nausea, constipation, diarrhoea, vomiting, vertigo, oedema, chest pain, dyspnoea, depression, nervousness, sleep disturbances, hallucinations, paraesthesias, nasal congestion, epistaxis, dry mouth, urinary frequency & incontinence, reddened sclera, blurred vision, tinnitus, abnormal liver enzyme values, pancreatitis, arthralgia, alopecia, skin rashes, lichen planus, pruritus & diaphoresis; impotence and priapism

2. Drug interactions:

Hypotensive effects may be enhanced with diuretics and other antihypertensives. Increased risk of first dose hypotension with β blockers or Ca channel blockers. Concomitant administration with phosphodiesterase type 5 (PDE5) inhibitors (e.g. sildenafil) may result in additive hypotensive effects & symptomatic hypotension

3. Precautions:

Prostate cancer should be ruled out before starting therapy. Patients with history of micturition syncope, angina pectoris. Treatment of heart failure with mechanical obstruction. During cataract surgery, IFIS may occur. Renal and hepatic impairment. Elderly. Pregnancy and lactation. Patient counseling. May impair ability to drive or operate machinery. A low starting dose is given in the evening to lessen the risk of collapse. Hypotensive effects may be exaggerated by exercise and heat. Monitoring parameters. Monitor renal function. Careful monitoring of BP during initial titration or subsequent upward dosage adjustment