



Digoxin

Medication Name	Brand Name
Digoxin	<input type="radio"/> Lanoxin <input type="radio"/> Sigmaxin <input type="radio"/> Lanoxin PG <input type="radio"/> Sigmaxin PG

What is it used for?

Digoxin is used to treat some types of irregular heart rhythms and also heart failure. It works by slowing down the heart beat and increasing the force of the heart's contractions.

How to take this drug

This medication must be taken regularly. If a dose is missed, only take the dose if you remember within twelve hours. If not, do not take the missed dose, and take the next dose when it is due normally. Do not take two doses at once. Try to take this drug with food or just after food.

Take this medication only as the directions say on the pharmacy label.

Before taking this medication it is important to tell your Doctor if you:

- Are pregnant or plan to become pregnant
- Are breast feeding
- Are taking any other medications including ones purchased without a script

Side Effects

Side effects occur in some people taking this medication. If they are troublesome to you, speak to your doctor or pharmacist.

- Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea
- Loss of appetite
- Tiredness and/or feeling very weak
- Confusion

It is very important to tell your doctor immediately if you experience:

- **Slow heart rate or your heart beat becomes irregular**
- **Blurred vision and/or visual disturbances**

Other important facts

- You may be required to have blood tests taken to check the levels of the drug in your blood
- Never share your medicines with anyone
- Keep the medicine out of reach of children

If you have any queries about your medications, talk to your Doctor or pharmacist.

This information is only designed for use as an educational aid and is general in nature.

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