

After a heart attack

- The recommended starting dose is 6.25mg, which will then be increased by your doctor to a maximum of 150mg a day.

For the treatment of diabetic patients with kidney disease

- The recommended dose is 75 - 100mg a day.

Elderly patients (over 65 years)

Your doctor may start you on lower dose. If you have a kidney disorder your doctor will increase the dose gradually until your blood pressure is adequately controlled. The dosage may then be adjusted by your doctor to suit individual requirements.

For children

If this medicine is prescribed for a child make sure that the tablets are taken as stated on the label. The dosage for children is worked out on the basis of child’s weight in kilograms.

The recommended starting dose is 0.3mg/kg body weight daily. If required, your doctor may increase the dose gradually.

For children with kidney problems, premature babies and newborn babies and infants

- The starting dose should be 0.15mg/kg bodyweight.

Doctors sometimes prescribe different doses to the above and if this applies to you, you should discuss it with your doctor. Sometimes patients may feel dizzy after taking the first one or two doses of Captopril. If this happens to you, lie down until these symptoms disappear. You should try to take Captopril at about the same time each morning. It can be taken before, during or after meals.

Even if you feel well continue to take Captopril until your doctor tells you otherwise.

If you take more Captopril tablets than you should

If you or someone else swallow several of these tablets together, contact your doctor or nearest hospital emergency department immediately. Always take any tablets left over with you, this leaflet and also the box, as this will allow easier identification of the tablets.

If you forget to take Captopril tablets

If you miss a dose, take it as soon as you remember and carry on as before. If it is almost time for your next dose, skip the forgotten dose and continue as usual. Do not take a double dose to make up for a forgotten dose.

If you stop taking these tablets

Do not stop taking these tablets without first talking to your doctor. If you have any further questions on the use of this product, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

4. Possible side effects

Like all medicines, this medicine can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them. If you experience any of the following reactions **stop** taking Captopril and contact your doctor **immediately**:

- Swelling of the hands, face, eyes, lips or tongue
- Wheezing or Difficulty in breathing
- Ulcers, blistering and skin rashes or burning, red, peeling skin on the lips, tongue and genitals, sometimes spreading to the eyes, face and body, (a very rare illness known as Stevens-Johnson syndrome)
- Sore throat or fever
- Severe dizziness or fainting
- Severe stomach pain,
- Unusually fast, or irregular, heartbeat
- Liver damage, inflammation of the liver or jaundice
- Chest pain or discomfort

Common side effects (may affect up to 1 in 10 people)

- Dry mouth
- Itching or a red rash
- Sleep problems
- Rashes
- Diarrhoea or constipation
- Hair loss
- Dry, irritating cough
- Upset stomach, sickness, abdominal pain, vomiting
- Shortness of breath
- Loss of taste (usually reversible on stopping treatment)
- Dizziness
- Changes in the way things taste
- Stomach ulcers

- Uncommon side effects (may affect up to 1 in 100 people)**
- Tiredness, generally feeling unwell
 - Chest pain
 - Low blood pressure
 - Flushed or looking unusually pale
 - Reduced blood flow to the hands and feet (e.g. Raynaud syndrome)
 - Headache
 - Fast, irregular, louder heartbeat
 - Lack of energy and strength
 - Pins and needles, numbness or tingling
 - Decreased appetite
 - Swelling of the eyes and lips (angioedema)

- Rare side effects (may affect up to 1 in 1000 people)**
- Loss of appetite and weight loss
 - Mouth ulcers
 - Drowsiness
 - Kidney disorders or failure
 - Changes in frequency of passing urine
 - Allergic reaction in the gut causing severe abdominal pain (intestinal angioedema)

- Very rare side effects (may affect up to 1 in 10,000 people)**
- Impaired liver function and raised liver enzymes
 - Confusion, depression, fainting
 - Mini-stroke, stroke
 - Muscle or joint pain
 - Blurred vision
 - Heart problems including heart attack, and chest infections
 - Inflammation of the pancreas
 - Runny nose
 - Swelling of breast tissue in men, impotence
 - Swollen tongue
 - Sensitivity of the skin to light
 - Fever
 - Multiple damages to the kidneys
 - Inflammation of lymph nodes
 - Changes in levels of cells and/or chemicals in the blood or lymphatic systems (e.g. red or white blood cells, sodium, potassium, sugars)
 - Changes in your blood and your blood cells.
 - Liver damage, inflammation of the liver or jaundice eyes and genitals)

Your doctor will carry out tests to check this.

- Rashes or skin reactions
- Psoriasis and psoriasisiform dermatitis

If any of the side effects become serious, or if you notice any side effects not listed in this leaflet, please tell your doctor or pharmacist immediately. It will help if you make a note of what you experienced, when it started and how long it lasted.

Reporting of side effects

If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor or pharmacist. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. You can also report side effects directly via the Yellow Card Scheme Website: www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard or search for MHRA Yellow Card in the Google Play or Apple App Store. By reporting side effects you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

5. How to store Captopril Tablets

- Keep this medicine out of the sight and reach of children.
- Do not use this medicine after expiry date (EXP) which is stated on the carton. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.
- Do not store above 25°C. Store in the original package.
- Do not throw away any medicines via waste water or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to throw away medicines you no longer use. These measures will help protect the environment.

6. Contents of the pack and other information

What Captopril Tablets contain

- The active substance is Captopril.
- The other ingredients are: Lactose monohydrate, Maize starch, Microcrystalline cellulose and Stearic acid.

What Captopril Tablet looks like and contents of the pack

- Captopril 12.5mg tablets: White to almost white, round, biconvex, uncoated tablets with “12.5” debossed on one side.
- Captopril 25mg and 50mg tablets: White to almost white, round, flat, bevelled edged, uncoated tablets with score line on one side and “25” or “50” debossed on the other side.

- Captopril tablets are available in packs of 28 and 56 tablets. Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

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