Furosemide (Lasix) for Your Baby

Why is it needed?

Furosemide is a diuretic. It helps remove extra water from your baby's body to help the lungs work better and make breathing easier. You will need to keep regular doctor appointments to check how well the medicine is working. The doctor will need to change the dose as your baby grows.

How to give furosemide

- Give the dose that is directed on the medication label. We will give you oral syringes and help you practice measuring furosemide.
- Place the dose in a bottle with a small amount of your baby's formula or breast milk. A small amount of formula or breast milk ensures your baby will have taken the whole dose even if he or she cannot finish the complete feeding.
- Clean the syringe with hot, soapy water and rinse thoroughly after measuring.
- Try your best to evenly space the doses throughout the day. For example, if it is to be given two times a day, try to space it close to every twelve hours.

What if a dose is missed?

Every dose is important. If you miss a dose, give it as soon as you remember. But if it is close to the next dose, skip the missed dose completely. **Do not** give a double dose to make up for the missed dose.

What are the side effects?

Furosemide can sometimes cause:

- Upset stomach (be sure to mix each dose with formula or breast milk)
- Increased sensitivity to the sun (be sure your baby has sunscreen on or is covered up)

Call the doctor if your baby:

- Has trouble breathing
- Has unusual redness or rash on the skin
- Has severe diarrhea or constipation, or frequent/ severe vomiting
- Has yellowing of the eyes or skin
- Is very puffy
- Does not respond to sound

Storing this medicine

Store at room temperature in the original container. Keep the container away from heat or direct light. Do not freeze the liquid.

Remember:

- Keep out of the reach of children.
- **Do not** give this medicine to others.
- **Do not** use after the expiration date on the bottle.

The information presented is intended for general information and educational purposes. It is not intended to replace the advice of your health care provider. Contact your health care provider if you believe you have a health problem.

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