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If you have high blood pressure, angina or other heart problems, you may be prescribed Norvasc. You may also be familiar with its generic name, amlodipine. Norvasc is a high alert medication, which means if you do not take it exactly as prescribed, it may cause illness or injury.

The heart is a muscle that pumps oxygen and nutrient-rich blood through your body. Over time, certain health problems can cause your blood vessels to become hardened and inflexible. Your heart has a difficult time doing its job, which can lead to serious health problems. Norvasc helps your blood vessels relax and widen, so blood can flow more easily.

Norvasc comes in a tablet. Your healthcare provider will decide how much you need to take, but dosages range from 2.5 milligrams to 10 milligrams.

Norvasc is a powerful medication. Some people should not take it. Do not take Norvasc if you are allergic to any ingredient in Norvasc. If you are pregnant, or planning to get pregnant, talk to your healthcare provider before taking Norvasc. Do not breastfeed when taking Norvasc.

Before taking Norvasc, tell your healthcare provider if you have a history of heart disease or liver problems. Before taking Norvasc, give your healthcare provider a complete list of all other medications you use, including vitamins and herbal supplements.

Some side effects of Norvasc include: dizziness; tired feeling; headache; nausea; redness in the face, neck and upper chest. If you notice any of these side effects tell your healthcare provider.

Be aware that you are at an increased risk of falling while taking Norvasc. Get up from a sitting or lying position slowly. Do not drive or operate heavy machinery, including your car, until you know how Norvasc affects you.

If you have a severe allergic reaction; a light-headed feeling; pounding heartbeat; swelling of the hands, ankles or feet; chest pain, spreading to the arm or shoulders; or sweating, call 911 and get help immediately. This is not the complete list of side effects. Make sure you discuss all possible side effects with your healthcare provider. Take Norvasc exactly as prescribed. Do not change your dose.

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Norvasc should be taken once a day. If you miss a dose, take it as soon as you remember. If it is almost time for your next dose, skip your missed dose and return to your normal medication schedule.

Do not double dose. If you think you have taken too much Norvasc, call your healthcare provider.

Store Norvasc away from moisture and direct sunlight. Your bathroom medicine cabinet is not the best place because of moisture. Do not leave your medication where it can get too hot or too cold. Always store your medication, out of sight and out of reach of children to prevent accidents.

Norvasc can help your heart work more easily. But it's a powerful medication that should only be taken exactly as prescribed. If you have any questions about Norvasc, ask your healthcare provider and pharmacist for more information.