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Digoxin

**Information for parents
and carers**



What is digoxin?

Digoxin is a medicine that can be used when the heart doesn't pump properly or for treating abnormal heart rhythms.

How does digoxin work?

Digoxin increases the pumping action of the heart and controls some fast or irregular heart rhythms.

How should it be taken?

It is important that digoxin is taken regularly, as prescribed. This is usually as a twice a day dose.

Digoxin comes as a liquid, with 50mcg (micrograms) in 1ml. This can be given with an oral syringe. Digoxin is also available as different strength tablets, including 62.5mcg, 125mcg and 250mcg.

What side effects may occur?

Side effects are rare, but your child may feel sick soon after taking a dose.

If your child has too much digoxin they may feel sick or be sick, have changes to their vision and an irregular heart beat.

Further prescriptions will need to be provided by your child's GP.

This medicine should not be stopped without advice from a doctor.

Further information

If you would like an interpreter, please speak to the department where you are being seen.

Please also tell them if you would like this information in another format, such as:

- Easy Read
- large print
- braille
- audio
- electronic
- another language.

We have tried to make the information in this leaflet meet your needs. If it does not meet your individual needs or situation, please speak to your healthcare team. They are happy to help.

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