

Furosemide

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- 1, Furosemide is used to treat fluid retention and high blood pressure by helping the body eliminate excess fluid.
- 2, It works by blocking sodium and chloride reabsorption in the kidneys, increasing urine output and reducing fluid build up
- 3, The client should experience decrease swelling, improved breathing, and possible weight reduction due to fluid loss.
- 4, Monitor blood pressure, electrolyte levels, kidney function, and watch for dehydration symptoms.
- 5, The typical oral dose ranges from 20 to 80 mg per day, adjusted based on the patient's response.
- 6, Furosemide can be given orally, intravenously, or intramuscularly depending on the severity of condition.
- 7, The generic name is furosemide, and common brandnames include Lasix and Fumex.
- 8, It belongs to the loop diuretic class and is used as a diuretic and antihypertensive medication.
- 9, Side effects include electrolyte imbalances, dehydration, dizziness, increased urination, and low blood pressure.

References

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