Ambrisentan (Letairis®)

Description

Ambrisentan is a medication used to treat pulmonary arterial hypertension, which is a type of high blood pressure in the lungs that affects heart function. Ambrisentan works by causing the blood vessels in the lungs to relax, resulting in a decrease in pressure and improvement in heart function.

Quick Reference Information:

- **If the student experiences** nausea, vomiting, fever, unusual tiredness, abdominal pain, or yellowing of the skin or eyes, the parent and physician should be alerted immediately.
- **The student may need to be absent from school for monthly labs to monitor this medication.**

How It Is Administered

Ambrisentan is an oral medication given once daily. The 5 mg tablets are square and pale pink. The 10 mg tablets are oval and deep pink. Neither tablet is scored.

Side Effects

- Swelling of the lower extremities
- Nasal congestion
- Sinusitis
- Flushing
- Irregular heart beat
- Abdominal pain and constipation
- Headache

If shortness of breath; palpitations; or swelling of the legs, hands or face occurs, seek immediate medical assistance. Headache, flushing, itching, rash, upset stomach or nasal congestion should be treated as advised by the student's physician.

Additional Information

The student may need to be absent from school to have mandatory monthly blood tests to monitor this medication.

A list of side effects experienced by the student and treatments for these side effects are listed below.

Student's Side Effects and Treatments