

Furosemide (Lasix®)

Description

Furosemide is a medication used to remove extra salt and water from the body through the kidneys. It is called a diuretic, or more commonly, a “pee pill.”

How It Is Administered

Furosemide may be taken orally once or several times a day in pill or liquid form. Furosemide should be taken around the same time every day.

Possible Side Effects

- ◆ Extreme thirst
- ◆ Dizziness
- ◆ Lightheadedness
- ◆ Leg cramps
- ◆ Heart rate rhythm abnormalities

Students can become dehydrated when taking furosemide. Notify the parent if the student becomes extremely thirsty, dizzy and/or lightheaded while taking this medication.

The use of furosemide can make the skin more sensitive to the sunlight so use of a sunscreen is recommended while outside.

Student’s Side Effects and Treatments

Quick Reference Information:

- The student may need frequent bathroom breaks.
- The student should be allowed to drink and hydrate as needed.