

Iloprost (Ventavis®)

Description

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

How It Is Administered

Iloprost is inhaled using a special plastic device called an I-neb®. This device delivers the medication in the form of a mist that is inhaled through the mouth. Iloprost needs to be administered up to 6 to 9 times a day only during waking hours. There should be at least one hour between inhaled treatment times. The treatment takes 5-15 minutes, including setting up, actually taking the iloprost treatment, and cleaning up.

Quick Reference Information:

- There must be at least 1 hour between treatments.
- Treatments take 5-15 minutes.
- The student will need to be allowed to leave the class to complete treatments as directed multiple times a day.

Side Effects

- ◆ Flushing
- ◆ Increased cough
- ◆ Dizziness/fainting
- ◆ Headaches
- ◆ Nausea
- ◆ Jaw Pain
- ◆ Chest pain
- ◆ Rapid heart beat
- ◆ Shortness of breath
- ◆ Lower leg swelling

If symptoms or side effects persist, or if you are concerned about any other side effects that the student might be having, contact the parents or emergency contact person.

Additional Information

Please review additional information provided by the parent or specialty pharmacy representative about I-neb®. All students should have a back-up I-neb® device with them at school.

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

Student's Side Effects and Treatments