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Generic Name: FUROSEMIDE (Fyoor-OH-se-mide)

Brand Name: LASIX (Lay-six)

USE OF FUROSEMIDE:

Furosemide is a strong diuretic. It is used to reduce the amount of water in the baby's body by increasing the production of urine. This helps to keep fluid from collecting in the lung tissue and helps to decrease the workload of the heart by decreasing the body fluid. It is used to treat babies with heart failure, high blood pressure (hypertension), and bronchopulmonary dysplasia (BPD).

CALL THE DOCTOR IF:

1. Your baby vomits two regularly scheduled doses in a row.
2. Your baby does not eat.
3. Your baby has diarrhea or vomiting.
4. Your baby's mouth is very dry or your baby's lips are cracked.
5. Your baby is unusually restless, sleepy or weak.
6. Your baby's eyes seem sunken or have blue circles around them.
7. Your baby has less than 6 wet diapers a day.
8. Your baby seems to work harder to breathe.
9. Your baby has a fever.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Review the 2 sections titled "**Safety**" and "**How to Use the Medicine**" in your **General Instructions for Giving Your Baby's Oral Medicine** hand out.
2. The doctor may order blood work frequently during the first few months of Furosemide.