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**Generic Name: HYDRALAZINE (Hye-DRAL-a-zeen)**

**Brand Name: APRESOLINE (A-press-OH-leen)**

#### **USE OF HYDRALAZINE:**

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Hydralazine is used to lower blood pressure. It works by causing the muscles in the blood vessels to relax. This should help to decrease blood pressure.

#### **CALL THE DOCTOR IF:**

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1. Your baby develops a rash which does not go away.
2. Your baby has swelling in the hands, feet or face.
3. Your baby has a loss of appetite.
4. Your baby has diarrhea or vomiting.
5. Your baby has trouble breathing.

#### **SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

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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 if prolonged use is needed.
3. Change your baby's position from lying to sitting or upright slowly. Hydralazine may cause a decrease in blood pressure and feelings of light headedness and dizziness. There may not be visible signs that your baby is feeling this way.