



Generic Name: METHLYDOPA (Meth-il-doe-pa)
Brand Name: ALDOMET (Al-doe-met)

USE OF METHLYDOPA:

Methlydopa is used to lower blood pressure. It works by lowering the pressure against which the blood flows through the body. This is done by stimulating the body to secrete a substance that stops another substance from causing blood vessels to constrict or tighten. Tightening of blood vessels can cause blood pressure to rise.

CALL THE DOCTOR IF:

1. Your baby has less energy or is sleepier than usual.
2. Your baby has a fever.
3. Your baby has trouble breathing.
4. Your baby has a loss of appetite.
5. Your baby has diarrhea or vomiting.
6. Your baby has jerking movements of the face, arms or legs.
7. Your baby has swelling in hands or feet.

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 with prolonged use.
3. Change your baby's position from lying to sitting or upright slowly. Methlydopa may cause a decrease in blood pressure and feelings of light headedness and dizziness. There may be no visible signs that your baby is feeling this way.
4. Shake the medicine just before each use.