MEDICINE TO TREAT: CARDIAC DISEASES (Antianginal Agent)

Trimetazidine

1. **What is the medicine used for?**

   Trimetazidine is used for long term treatment of angina. Angina is chest pain arising from the heart muscle when it does not receive enough oxygen. You may have the feeling of indigestion, fullness, pressure or tightness in the chest spreading to your arms or neck. Trimetazidine makes better use of oxygen and energy in the heart cells. This helps to decrease the number of times you get angina.

2. **How should I take the medicine?**

   - Take this medicine after meals with water.
   - Follow the instructions on the prescription label.
   - Do not stop taking your medicines without checking with your doctors.
   - If you miss a dose, take the missed dose as soon as you remember. If it is almost time for your next dose, take only the usual dose. Do not double your dose or use extra medicine to make up for the missed dose.

3. **What are the possible side effects of the medicine?**

   Common side effects may include dizziness, headache, rashes, abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea.

   Check your doctor or pharmacist if you have any of the above side effects.

4. **How do I know if I am allergic to this medicine?**

   The symptoms of a drug allergy include one or more of the following:
   - Swollen face/eyes/lips
   - Difficulty in breathing
   - Itchy skin rashes over your whole body

   If you experience any of these symptoms, you should stop your medicine immediately and see your doctor.
5. **What precautions should I follow when taking the medicine?**

Inform your doctor and pharmacist if you are/have
- Allergic to Trimetazidine or any other medicine
- Pregnant or breast feeding
- Parkinson’s Disease
- Severe kidney problem

6. **How should I store the medicine?**

- Keep your medicines in the original container or packaging, tightly closed or sealed in a cool and dry place, away from direct sunlight.
- Keep the medicine out of reach of children.
- Throw away all expired medicines.

This leaflet answers some common questions about this medicine. It does not contain all the available information. It also does not take the place of talking to your doctor or pharmacist.