

# **Cheng Hsin General Hospital**

## NTG (Nitrostat) Drug Information

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Generic Name	Brand Name	Dosage form	Appearance
Nitroglycerin	Nitrostat	0.6mg / tab ; 25tab / bot	耐绞寧錠劑 NTG (Nitrostat) 0.6mg Tab

#### 1. Why do I need this medicine?

Treatment and prophylaxis of angina pectoris

#### 2. How is this drug best taken?

- (1) Always keep your NITROSTAT with you.
- (2) Place a tablet under your tongue or in the cheek when you begin to feel the sign of heart attack. The dose may be repeated approximately every 5 minutes, until the chest pain is relieved. If the symptom persists after 3 dosages, proceed to the hospital as some as possible.
- (3) For prophylactic use, patients should take a tablet by sublingual 5 to 10 minutes prior to engaging in activities that might induce an attack.
- (4) Take rest and sit down before you take this medicine.

### 3. What are some things I need to know or do while I take this drug?

- (1) Do not use NITROSTAT if you are allergic to nitrates or nitrites.
- (2) Do not use NITROSTAT if your blood pressure is too low.
- (3) Sit down before you take this medicine, because it could suffer from dizziness, lightheaded, or faintness. When the effect of the medicine kicks in, there are possible severe headaches.
- (4) Please go to the emergency room or contact your doctor if you have any of the following conditions for persistent: headache, dizziness, weakness, skin rash, chest pain, bradycardia, blurred vision or dry mouth.

- (5) Do not take NITROSTAT with drugs for sexual dysfunction, such as Viagra® (sildenafil), Cialis® (tadalafil), or Levitra® (vardenafil).
- (6) Do not drive any vehicle, operate machines, or do anything hazardous after medication.

#### 4. Possible Side Effect

Headache, vertigo, dizziness, weakness, heart palpitations and hypotension

#### 5. How do I store this drug?

- (1) NITROSTAT should be kept in the original glass container and tightly capped after each use to prevent loss of tablet potency.
- (2) Store NITROSTAT tablets at room temperature (15°C-30°C) and away from excess heat and moisture.
- (3) It is recommended to discard the bottle 6 months after it was first open, even there might still have some tablets left.

\*This leaflet cannot provide complete drug information. Please consult doctors or pharmacist if you have any questions.

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