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INFORMATION ON FUROSEMIDE (LASIX)

What is Furosemide (Lasix)?

Furosemide is a diuretic or 'water pill.' It helps the body get rid of excessive fluid. In the field of hair medicine, we use Lasix short term and at low doses to help clear excessive fluid. Lasix is FDA approved for adults and children for treating the edema (excessive fluid) associated with heart failure, cirrhosis of the liver, and kidney disease. It may also be used for the treatment of high blood pressure (hypertension).

How should I use Lasix?

- Dr. Donovan will advise you how it should be used in your specific situation
- Typically, 20 mg dose is used daily for a few days and then stopped.

How long will I use Lasix?

- Dr. Donovan will generally prescribe Lasix only for a very short period. The goal is to see if the body can get rid of excessive fluid and if the fluid will then stay away

What are the side effects of Lasix?

Some patients will experience these side effects:

- Increased urination
- Thirst
- Cramping
- Weakness
- Feeling dizzy or lightheaded
- headaches
- Diarrhea

Can hair loss patients use Lasix with spironolactone (Aldactone) ?

Many patients can use Lasix for a few days while continuing their spironolactone. Both of these are blood pressure medications so the blood pressure may need to be monitored in some patients. Lasix and spironolactone are often combined in other conditions.

