



## What's my Drug?

**Amlodipine** is a calcium channel blocker. It is mainly used for high blood pressure. It is also used to prevent angina (chest pain on exertion).

**How to take it:** Take it with a drink. Tablets can be crushed and mixed with water if necessary.

**Possible side effects include:** Feeling sick and tummy pain, headache, dizziness, flushing, drowsiness, sleep problems (insomnia), and fluid retention. You could get palpitations. You could get swollen ankles.

**Rare but important side effects:** See your health professional if your heartbeat slows down. Double vision is a rare side effect. Changes in mood, such as anxiety or depression have been reported. Allergic reactions, which could cause swelling around your mouth, can happen. For men: it is possible it may have a small effect on fertility in men while they are on treatment.

**Warnings and Cautions:** If you stop the tablet suddenly it could make angina worse. Grapefruit juice may increase the effect of the tablets, so if possible avoid it or drink only small amounts. You should not drive or operate machinery if you feel dizzy or have vision problems. To find out more about this medicine's other possible side effects, read the full Product Information Leaflet. For women: this medicine is not usually given during pregnancy or breastfeeding.