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••• PATIENT INFORMATION LEAFLET •••

DRUG NAME: Ergonovine capsules (er-goe-NOE-veen)

COMMON USES: This medication is used to treat migraine headaches and other conditions as determined by your doctor.

HOW TO USE THIS MEDICINE: Follow the directions for using this medicine provided by your doctor. Do not take more of it, do not take it more often, and do not take it for a longer time than your doctor ordered. If too much is taken or if it is taken for a longer time than your doctor ordered, it may cause serious effects. **KEEP OUT OF THE REACH OF CHILDREN.** Store this medicine at room temperature, away from heat and light. Do not store in a bathroom, near the kitchen sink, or in other damp places. **IF YOU MISS A DOSE** of this medicine, do **NOT** take the missed dose at all and do **NOT** double the next dose. Instead, go back to your regular dosing schedule. If you have any questions about this, talk with your doctor.

CAUTIONS: **BEFORE YOU BEGIN TAKING ANY NEW MEDICINE**, either prescription or over-the-counter, check with your doctor or pharmacist. Do not use this medication if you are pregnant. **IF YOU SUSPECT THAT YOU COULD BE PREGNANT** contact your doctor. Do **NOT** take this medication if you are breast-feeding, it can pass into the breast milk.

When you are taking this medication, it is important to let your doctor and pharmacist know if you are taking any of the following medications:

- Bromocriptine (e.g. Parlodel)
- Other ergot alkaloids (dihydroergotamine [e.g., D.H.E. 45], ergoloid mesylates [e.g., Hydergine], ergotamine [e.g., Gynergen], methysergide [e.g., Sansert]) – Use of these medicines with ergonovine may increase the chance of side effects of these medicines.
- Nitrates or Other medicines for angina – Using these medicines with ergonovine may keep them from working properly.

The presence of other medical problems may affect the use of ergonovine. Make sure and let your doctor know if you have any of the following: angina (chest pain), blood vessel disease, high blood pressure (or history of), stroke (or history of), infection (infections may cause an increased sensitivity to the effect of this medicines), kidney disease, liver disease, or Raynaud's Phenomenon.

POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS:



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Check with your doctor or a health care professional **IMMEDIATELY** if any of the following side effects occur:

- Chest Pain
- Blurred vision
- Convulsions (seizures)
- Crushing chest pain
- Headache (sudden and severe)
- Irregular heartbeat
- Unexplained shortness of breath

Check with your doctor as **SOON AS POSSIBLE** if any of the following side effects occur:

- Slow heartbeat
- Itching
- Pain in the arms, legs or lower back
- Pale or cold hands or feet
- Weakness in the legs

Other side effects can occur that usually do not need medical attention such as: nausea and vomiting, cramping of the uterus in women, abdominal or stomach pain, diarrhea, dizziness, mild and temporary headache, ringing in the ears, stuffy nose, sweating or an unpleasant taste.

Other side effects can occur that are not listed above. Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you notice any other effects that are not listed here.

Your Pharmacist Compounded This Medication Especially For You