PRIMARY USE

Diuretic

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Reduce:

blood volume	cardiac workload	edema	pulmonary congestion

Increase urine flow

Prescribed in combination with other drugs

PROTOTYPE DRUG

furosemide (Lasix)

MECHANISM OF ACTION

Decrease fluid retention by preventing the reabsorption of sodium and chloride in the Loop of Henle region of the nephron

Increase cardiac output by redeucing fluid volume and decreasing BP

ADVERSE EFFECTS

Electrolyte imbalance

Hypovolemia

Orthostatic hypotension

NURSE'S ROLE

Assess renal function

Monitor

	electrolyte levels	
	v/s	intake and output
	blood glucose	BUN (blood urea nitrogen)

PATIENT TEACHING

	Monitor sodium intake	
REPORT	weight loss	fatigue & muscle cramps

Change positions slowly

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