#### What PRECAUTIONS should I take?

Before taking the medicine,

- Inform your doctor or pharmacist if you are allergic to any medication.
- Inform your doctor or pharmacist about the medications you are taking, especially medications for depression, heart disease, high blood pressure, colds, muscle relaxation, sedation and sleeping.
- Tell your doctor if you have suffered from or are presently suffering from liver diseases.
- The medication may cause some people to become drowsy or less alert than they usually are. Do not drive a car or operate machinery for 12-24 hours after the first dose or after your dose is increased.

Dizziness, lightheadedness, or sudden fainting may occur, especially when you get up from a lying or sitting position. These effects are more likely to occur after you take the first dose of this medicine. Hence, it is advisable to take the first dose of the medication at night. If such symptoms develop, lie down until the symptoms completely disappear, then get up very slowly.

# How should I STORE the medicine?

Keep the medicine in an airtight container. Store away from heat and direct sunlight.







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# Prostate-Related Relaxants

Prazosin • Terazosin • Alfuzosin

# **ABOUT** your medicine

This medicine is used to treat benign prostatic hypertrophy (enlargement of the prostate) in men.

This medicine is sometimes prescribed for other uses; check with your doctor or pharmacist for more information.

Medicine	Function
Prazosin (Minipress®) Terazosin (Hytrin®) Alfuzosin (Xatral®)	Works by relaxing the muscles of the bladder and prostate. They are available in oral tablet form.

#### **HOW** should I take the medicine?

You should take the medicine as prescribed by your doctor. Consult your pharmacist if you are not sure of the correct way of taking your medicine.

The first dose is to be taken at night before you go to bed. Do not stop taking the medication without first consulting your doctor.

## What should I do if I FORGET a dose?

If you miss a dose, take it as soon as you remember. However, if it is almost time for the next dose, skip the missed dose and continue with your regular dosing schedule. Do not double the dose to make up for the missed dose.

## What are the possible SIDE-EFFECTS of the medicine?

Although side-effects are rare, they can occur. These side-effects may go away after some time as your body adjusts to the medicine. However, do check with your doctor if any of the following side-effects continue or are bothersome.

Medicine	Side-Effects
Prazosin (Minipress®) Terazosin (Hytrin®) Alfuzosin (Xatral®)	Nervousness Dizziness Headache Tiredness Stomach upset Increased urination

Consult your doctor if you experience any unusual side-effects when taking this medicine.

If you experience any of the following symptoms, call your doctor immediattely:

- · Breathing difficulty
- · Irregular heartbeat
- Fast heartbeat
- Chest pains