

PRIMARY USE	ADVERSE EFFECTS
Diuretic	Electrolyte imbalance
	Hypovolemia
	Orthostatic hypotension
Diuretics	NURSE'S ROLE
Reduce:	Assess renal function
blood volume	Monitor
cardiac workload	electrolyte levels
edema	v/s intake and output
pulmonary congestion	blood glucose (BUN (blood urea nitrogen))
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 reducing fluid volume and decreasing BP	
	PATIENT TEACHING
	Monitor sodium intake
	REPORT weight loss fatigue & muscle cramps
	Change positions slowly

