

MEDICATION REFERENCE LIST

FUROSEMIDE (LASIX)

1. **Classification:** diuretic, venodilator
2. **Physiologic Effects:** inhibits sodium reabsorption in the kidney resulting in increased diuresis; dilates venous vessels, reducing return of blood to heart (pre-load)
3. **Major Indication:** acute pulmonary edema and congestive heart failure
4. **Major Contraindications:**
 - 4.1. anuria
 - 4.2. hypersensitivity
5. **Relative Contraindications:**
 - 5.1. hypovolemia
 - 5.2. pregnancy
 - 5.3. hypokalemia
6. **Side Effects:**
 - 6.1. nausea and vomiting
 - 6.2. electrolyte depletion
 - 6.3. dehydration
 - 6.4. rapid administration may cause ototoxicity
 - 6.5. postural hypotension
7. **Additional Information:**
 - 7.1. patients on furosemide at home may require higher IV doses to achieve the desired effect; consult medical control
 - 7.2. The usual initial dose of LASIX is 20 to 80 mg given as a single dose; ordinarily a prompt diuresis ensues.