

Diazoxide (Proglycem)

Your baby has been prescribed diazoxide to treat hyperinsulinism. The dose is prescribed based on body weight and the medication is given 12 hours apart. You do not need to wake your baby to give the dose but should aim to space it out as close to 12 hours apart as possible.

Like with any medication, there are some potential side effects. **Please call your physician or nurse immediately if your child experiences any of #1-#4.**

1. **Fluid retention** (excessive water being stored in the body)
 - increased unexpected weight gain, swelling of the feet/hands/face/testicles/labia, difficulty feeding with shortness of breath, and rapid breathing.
2. **Nausea, loss of appetite, constipation**
3. **Allergic reaction** - This usually appears as a skin rash
4. **Easy bruising or the presence of tiny purple spots on the skin.**
 - Due to a decrease in blood count. This will be checked with blood tests performed by your doctor.
5. Increased hair growth (on the head, face, arms, legs, and back). This is not a sexual type of hair (pubic hair or underarm hair), but rather an increase in the normal body hair found in all infants and children. Once the medication is stopped, or the dose is decreased over time, the hair will thin and fall out.

Most children, treated with diazoxide and in whom it works very well, will only need to take it for several months. Your doctor will decide how to adjust your child's diazoxide dose based upon the blood sugar readings. There are, however, some children who may need diazoxide for a much longer period of time.