## **DITROPAN / OXYBUTYNIN**

## Reason for taking medication:

Ditropan is a medication that acts to relax the bladder, allowing it to hold more urine. By relaxing the bladder, it also helps to prevent leakage. For children with a high-pressure or neurogenic bladder, Ditropan may protect the kidneys.

#### Dose and schedule:

Ditropan should be taken two or three times a day. For babies and children, the dose is determined by weight and will need to be adjusted as the child grows.

#### If a dose is missed:

Take the dose as soon as you remember that you missed it; but if it is almost time for your next dose, skip the missed dose. Do not double dose.

## Common side effects which may occur:

Having mild side effects does not mean that you need to stop taking the medicine, but the dose may need to be adjusted by the doctor or nurse practitioner.

dry mouth sun sensitivity constipation facial flushing blurred vision overheating

drowsiness

Your child's skin may feel warm. This does not mean that he/she has a fever. Ditropan does not allow the body to perspire normally, hence it causes facial flushing, and in some cases overheating. Take precautions when your child is in the sun, such as wearing protective clothing, using sunscreen and avoiding direct sunlight - an umbrella is useful for providing shade. If your child is going to be participating in an outdoor event, you may need to skip a dose of Ditropan.

## Food and/or drug interactions:

Alcohol or other sedative drugs may enhance the drowsiness caused by Ditropan. Inform your doctor or nurse practitioner if you are taking antihistamines, medicine for stomach cramps, or any other medication.

# **Storage Instructions:**

Keep out of the reach of children. Store in a cool dry place.

In case of an overdose, call: Poison Control Center - 1-800-876-4766