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Information for patients commencing Betmiga

As discussed with you recently, I would like to commence you on a new medication for your bladder. This is aimed at “calming” your bladder so you don’t have to pass urine as often. I am starting you on the lowest dose (25mg) and can be increased to the higher dose (50mg) after the ten day sample pack is taken. You may not notice a change until you are on the higher dose.

There are, however, side effects you must be aware of although in general this medication is well tolerated.

Firstly, it can increase your blood pressure marginally and so if you don’t know if your blood pressure is okay please make an appointment to see your GP to first check your blood pressure and to make sure this is fine before starting the tablet. Once started, you should make another appointment with your GP to check your blood pressure in about 2 weeks after starting the new medication.

The common side effects include:

1. Increase in blood pressure
2. Headache
3. Dry mouth
4. Constipation
5. Palpitations

There are also some interactions with other drugs, please check with your Pharmacy or GP if you are on many medications (Difloxin or Warfarin in particular). A repeat test once on Betmiga may be considered. Your Doctor and I will check to ensure you are not on anything else that will interfere.

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