Ditropan (oxybutynin)

General information concerning use for Hyperhidrosis

Ditropan is used primarily to treat overactive bladder problems. Please consult your physician for specific prescription recommendations. To start taking Ditropan for hyperhidrosis, clinicians will prescribe a large quantity of small pills. Small pills allow the patient to carefully adjust the dose according to specific directions to achieve maximal benefits and minimize side effects. The number of tablets you need to impact your sweating may be limited by the medication’s side effects, which are discussed below. You must determine how many tablets per day are needed to improve excessive sweating with mild or tolerable side effects. Decrease the dose to reduce mild side effects.

The most common side effect is dry mouth. Please be aware that this medicine has other significant potential side effects characteristic of this class of medications (called anti-cholinergics). These side effects include but are not limited to difficulty with urination, confusion, dizziness, drowsiness, blurred vision or sandy feeling in the eyes, eye sensitivity to light, increased bloated feeling, constipation or diarrhea, dry skin, rapid heartbeat. You should also know that this medicine can potentially put you in danger of overheating if you are unable to sweat during heat or exercise. You must determine how many tablets per day are needed to improve excessive sweating with mild or tolerable side effects. Decrease the dose to reduce mild side effects. Please stop using the medicine if you have significant side effects and notify our office. If you experience pronounced difficulty passing urine, or severe blurred vision or eye pain, you should seek urgent evaluation at an emergency room.

This medicine should not be used in patients with significant liver, kidney or unstable heart disease, patients with significant gastrointestinal disorders such as ulcerative colitis, patients with eye diseases like glaucoma, patients with a history of urinary retention or prostate enlargement, or patients diagnosed with myasthenia gravis. Please ask your physician about usage of this medicine if you have any of these medical problems. Usage of Ditropan during pregnancy has not been found to cause fetal harm. However, you should discuss continued use with your obstetrician during pregnancy or breastfeeding.