

# MEDICATION

## What to do about your child's medications before cardiac surgery

**If your child is taking any of these medications, please read the instructions carefully.**

### **Digoxin:**

Give this medicine on the morning of pre admission at 6 am.

We will take a blood test at 12 midday to check the level of this medicine.

If the blood level is high we will advise you to stop the Digoxin earlier than the instructions below.

**You should not give the Digoxin the night before or the morning of surgery.**

### **Aspirin, Persantin, Disprin:**

Stop any medicines known by these names, 5 days before the surgery.

### **Clopidogrel:**

This medicine should be stopped 10 days before the surgery.

### **Warfarin or Coumadin:**

Medicines known by these names should be stopped 5 days before the surgery. We will check your child's blood levels 2 or 3 days after stopping the medicine and then make a plan about managing their care until surgery.

Your child's **Surgeon, Cardiologist or Haematologist should give individual instructions** to you. Contact us if this hasn't occurred.

### **Beta Blockers:**

You will know this medicine as **Propranolol or Inderal**.

Please give the morning dose on the day of surgery.

### **Ace Inhibitors:**

You will know these medicines as **Captopril, Capoten, Lisinopril, Enalapril**. Please do not give the morning dose on the day of surgery. The Anaesthetist will meet you early on the morning of surgery and decide then if a dose needs to be given.

### **Furosemide and Spironolactone:**

You may also know these medications as Lasix and Aldactone. It is not necessary to give these medicines on the morning of surgery.

### **Pulmonary Hypertension Medications (Bosentan, Sildenafil, Diltiazem):**

These medications should be continued.

### **Transplant Medications:**

Should be given, including those for blood pressure control.

### **Anti-arrhythmic Medications (with the exception of Digoxin)**

Should be continued.

### **Please bring all your child's medications with you on the morning of surgery.**

- Include any puffers, inhalers and spacers.
- **The medications will then be available if the Anaesthetist wishes to give another dose.**
- Should your child's surgery be cancelled, you will have the medicines with you if the doctors recommend you re start any of them.

**Note: If your child's surgery is cancelled, please ask for instructions regarding their medicines before you leave.**