

# Digoxin

## **What does digoxin do?:**

Digoxin has been found to decrease symptoms and hospitalizations in heart failure patients. Improvement in symptoms generally takes several weeks to occur.

## **How does digoxin work?:**

Digoxin makes the heart beat stronger and helps to block the effects of harmful hormones that increase the workload of the heart and cause progressive worsening of heart function.

## **What are the common side effects of digoxin?:**

Contact your physician if you notice any of the following, as they may indicate that you are receiving too much digoxin:

- Drowsiness
- Confusion
- Blurred vision or altered colour perception
- Nausea/vomiting/diarrhea
- Palpitations