



## Treatment & medication

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# Clonidine

Other names: Catapresan®, Dixarit®.

### What is it?

A medicine that is given to treat pain.

- It is important that this medication is taken according to the schedule.

### What does it look like and how is it given?

- A tablet or drink that is taken by mouth (oral).
- A clear liquid that is administered as an infusion into a vein (intravenously).

### Specifics

Clonidine is often combined with another painkiller.

### Side effects

- Dry mouth or pain in the mouth
- Low blood pressure and slow heart rate
- Dizziness when getting up, sleepiness, drowsiness
- Headache
- Gastrointestinal complaints such as nausea, vomiting and constipation
- Nightmares and/or seeing things that are not there (hallucinations)
- Depression

### Special instructions

- If your child vomits within 30 minutes after taking the medicine, please check [prinsesmaximacentrum.nl/regimens](https://prinsesmaximacentrum.nl/regimens) under the heading 'Medicine' to see what you should do.

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This card lists the most common side effects and specifics of this medicine.  
If you want a complete list, please ask the doctor, nurse, or pharmacist.