

Reflex tachycardia is a possible side effect of this drug, and this occurs as a compensatory response to suddenly decreased blood pressure to maintain cardiac output. Hydralazine is often coadministered with a beta-blocker to prevent this. Hydralazine is contraindicated in angina and CAD, and can cause angina.

Hypotension

Hippo-BP

The main mechanism of Hydralazine can lead to hypotension. This hypotension may cause sodium and water retention and a corresponding increase in blood volume. To help prevent volume expansion, a diuretic may be coadministered. Symptoms associated with hypotension may include dizziness, headache, and fatigue.

Considerations

Combined with Diuretic and Beta Blocker

Die-rocket and Beta-fish with Blocks

Hydralazine is often administered in combination with a diuretic and beta blocker to prevent the side effects of increased blood volume and reflex tachycardia.