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CONTRAINDICATIONS: 2nd or 3rd degree heart block, cardiogenic shock.

PRECAUTIONS: Poor cardiac reserve – avoid in overt heart failure. Bradycardia, renal failure (see above), anaesthesia, pregnancy. Caution in patients with reversible obstructive airways disease – do not use unless there are compelling clinical reasons to do so. Atenolol modifies the tachycardia of hypoglycaemia. Co-administration with verapamil or Class I antiarrhythmic agents. Withdrawal of clonidine. Withdrawal of beta-blocking drugs should be gradual in patients with ischaemic heart disease.

SIDE EFFECTS: Coldness of extremities, bradycardia and muscular fatigue may occur. Sleep disturbance rarely seen. Skin rashes and dry eyes have been reported with beta-blockers – consider discontinuance if they occur.


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