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Renal impairment: May require lower maintenance dosage.

CONTRAINDICATIONS: Pregnancy. Hypersensitivity to 'Zestril' Patients with history of angioneurotic oedema to previous ACE inhibitor therapy. Patients with aortic stenosis, cor

angioneurotic oedema to previous ACE inhibitor therapy. Patients with aortic stenosis, cor pulmonale or outflow tract obstruction.

PRECAUTIONS: Assessment of renai function is recommended. Symptomatic hypotension may occur, particularly in volume depleted patients and congestive heart failure.

Caution in patients with ischaemic heart or cerebrovascular disease; renail insufficiency, renovascular hypertension. Patients with a history of angioedema may be at increased risk of angioedema with an ACE inhibitor. Cough has been reported with ACE inhibitors. Renail impariment (usually reversible) may occur in some patients. Hypotension may occur during surgery

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