

# **NITROGLYCERINE TABLETS**

## **CLASSIFICATION**

Vasodilator

## **ACTION**

1. Dilates veins and arteries in peripheral circulation resulting in:
  - a. Reduced resistance to blood flow
  - b. Decreased blood pressure
  - c. Decreased workload on heart
2. Dilates coronary arteries
3. Dilates blood vessels in smooth muscle; i.e., gastrointestinal tract, gallbladder, bile ducts, uterus
4. Improves cardiac output in patient with congestive heart failure

## **INDICATIONS**

1. Angina pectoris
2. Severe hypertension
3. Refractory congestive heart failure

## **CONTRAINDICATIONS**

1. Known hypersensitivity
2. Hypotension: BP below 100 systolic
3. Caution with Viagra and similar drug types

## **USE WITH CAUTION**

1. Hypotension

## **ADVERSE EFFECTS TO OBSERVE FOR AND REPORT TO THE PHYSICIAN**

1. Hypotension
2. Throbbing headache