

OXYMETAZOLINE (Afrin)

CLASSIFICATION

Topical decongestant

ACTION

1. Vasoconstrictor that reduces intranasal bleeding (epistaxis / nosebleed).

INDICATIONS

1. As an adjunct to direct pressure to assist with control of epistaxis (nosebleed)

CONTRAINDICATIONS

1. Hypersensitivity to medication.
2. Diastolic blood pressure above 110
3. Nursing mother

ADVERSE REACTIONS, PRECAUTIONS

1. Unlikely to be a benefit in bleeding associated with severe nasal trauma. Normal pupillary reflex may be affected if this preparation gets in the eyes.
2. Possible adverse side effects in patients with the following:
 - a. Heart disease
 - b. Hypertension
 - c. Thyroid disease
 - d. Diabetes
 - e. Prostatic hypertrophy
 - f. Pregnancy
 - g. Nursing mothers