

HYPERTENSIVE URGENCIES - ORAL AGENTS

Drug	Dose	Onset (minutes)	Peak Effect (hours)	Duration (hours)
Captopril (Capoten®)	12.5-25 mg q30mins prn SL or PO	SL 5-10 PO 15-30	SL 0.5-0.8 PO 1-2	4-6
Labetalol (Trandate®)	200-400mg q3-4h prn PO	30-120	2-4	8-12
Clonidine (Catapres®)	0.1-0.2 mg PO, then 0.05-0.1 mg q1h prn PO (max. 0.8mg)	30-60	2-4	3-12
Prazosin (Minipres®)	1-2 mg q1h prn PO	30-60	2-4	<24

SL = sublingual