

## Getting Hypertension Medicine Delivered to Your Door Is Convenient With AstraZeneca Direct

(NAPSA)—Hypertension or high blood pressure is a common condition that affects nearly 1 in 3 Americans. In addition to following a healthy diet and lifestyle, many people living with the condition are prescribed daily medication to control their hypertension and heart failure and will need long-term access to this important class of medicine.

When you are faced with getting prescriptions filled every month, managing costs and ensuring consistent delivery options is an important first step in ensuring a successful treatment plan and making sure that you always have your daily dose. Over 19 million Americans who regularly take a prescription medication have gone online or used a coupon to get special offers on their medicines. Adding home delivery is one more way to conveniently ensure access to important medicine. If you're looking for savings and convenience, AstraZeneca Direct is a new way to get branded hypertension medicine, TOPROL-XL® (metoprolol succinate), delivered to your home at an affordable price.

As part of AstraZeneca's patient-focused program, AstraZeneca Direct, patients will pay just \$30 for a 3 month/90-pill supply of TOPROL-XL or \$15 for a 1 month /30-pill supply for home delivery of TOPROL-XL. Other branded medications available through AstraZeneca Direct include NEXIUM® (esomeprazole magnesium) and ARIMIDEX® (anastrozole) tablets.

"High blood pressure affects a large cross-section of our community, some of which may not be able to get their medicines as quickly as they'd like or at a price that they can afford," said Rick Suarez, Executive Director, GI and Foundation Brands. "Programs like TOPROL-XL Direct provide people living with high blood pressure a convenient way of getting an important medicine delivered directly to their door."

And signing up is easy. No insurance is necessary. All that's needed is a valid prescription from your doctor for a 90-day or 30-day supply to complete the online enrollment process at [www.TOPROL-XLDirect.com](http://www.TOPROL-XLDirect.com). Once enrollment is complete, TOPROL-XL will be shipped directly to your home. During and after enrollment, patients will have access to a 24-hour support center to contact via e-mail or phone if they have questions, the opportunity to request auto refills, and free home delivery. Don't you want to try this new prescription delivery service today?

Because of the possibility of serious side effects, such as chest pain or a heart attack, you should not stop taking TOPROL-XL suddenly. If your doctor decides you should stop taking TOPROL-XL, you may be instructed to slowly reduce your dose over a period of time before stopping it completely.

*TOPROL-XL may not be right for everyone, especially people*



*who have the following health conditions:*

- Extreme slowing of the heart rate
- Sudden and severe drop in blood pressure and blood flow through the body because the heart is not pumping normally
- Uncontrolled heart failure
- Slowdown of the heart's electrical signal causing a slower heart rate
- Damage to the heart's natural pacemaker that affects the heart's rhythm unless one has a pacemaker device
- Any allergies to TOPROL-XL or its ingredients

It is important to take your medications every day as directed by your doctor.

Patients who have asthma or asthma-like lung disease should, in general, not take TOPROL-XL.

Your doctor may not want you to take TOPROL-XL if you are currently taking certain types of high blood pressure medicine, or have adrenal gland tumors, diabetes, low blood sugar, liver damage, overactive thyroid disease, or hardening of the arteries in the arms or legs.

Your doctor may not want you to start taking TOPROL-XL if you are about to have any type of surgery.

If you have a history of serious allergic reactions, the usual dose of epinephrine (adrenaline) may not work as well if you are taking TOPROL-XL.

Until you know how you will react to TOPROL-XL, avoid activities that require alertness.

Contact your doctor if you have any difficulty in breathing.

In patients with high blood pressure, the most common side effects were tiredness, dizziness, depression, diarrhea, itching or rash, shortness of breath, and slow heart rate. If you experience any of these or other side effects, contact your doctor.

### **Approved Use for TOPROL-XL**

TOPROL-XL is approved for the treatment of high blood pressure. It may be used alone or in combination with other medications to treat high blood pressure. It's good for you to know more about your medical condition and the medicine you are taking for it, so talk to your doctor about high blood pressure and TOPROL-XL.

**For full Prescribing Information, including Boxed WARNING about suddenly stopping therapy with TOPROL-XL, visit [www.Toprol-XL.com](http://www.Toprol-XL.com) or call 1-800-236-9933.**

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