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produce lethal lactic acidosis in some patients.

Thus the use of (drug) in association with phenformin carries a greater risk than the use of (drug) alone.

If a judgment is made that (drug) and phenformin are to be used together in a particular patient, it should be established that the patient is responsive to both drugs. This may be accomplished either by a trial of each drug separately or by adding the second drug and then tapering the dosage of the first, observing for diminished control of blood glucose. Once the need for both drugs is established, the desired control of blood sugar may be obtained by adjusting the dose of either drug. The possibility of hypoglycemia should be anticipated and appropriate precautions taken. See package insert for phenformin hydrochloride for CONTRAINDICATIONS, WARNINGS, PRECAUTIONS, ADVERSE REACTIONS, and DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION.

CONTRAINDICATIONS

(Drug) is contraindicated in patients with:

1. Known hypersensitivity or allergy to the drug.
2. Diabetic ketoacidosis, with or without coma. Such patients should be treated with insulin.