

## **METOCLOPRAMIDE INJECTION CONSUMER MEDICINE INFORMATION**

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### **What is in this leaflet**

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This leaflet answers some common questions about Metoclopramide Injection. It does not contain all the available information. It does not take the place of talking to your doctor or pharmacist.

All medicines have benefits and risks. Your doctor has weighed the risks of you taking Metoclopramide Injection against the benefits this medicine is expected to have for you.

This medicine is likely to be used while you are at the clinic or in hospital. If possible, please read this leaflet carefully before this medicine is given to you. In some cases this leaflet may be given to you after the medicine has been used.

**If you have any concerns about taking this medicine, ask your doctor or pharmacist.**

**Keep this leaflet.** You may need to read it again.

This medicine is available only with a doctor's prescription.

### **What Metoclopramide Injection is used for**

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Metoclopramide Injection belongs to a group of medicines known as antiemetics. Antiemetics stop or prevent nausea and vomiting in childbirth, migraine, cancer treatment and other diseases. Metoclopramide Injection may also be used to help diagnose certain problems of the stomach and intestines.

Metoclopramide Injection may be used for the management of other conditions that are not mentioned above. Your doctor will be able to tell you about the specific condition for which you have been prescribed Metoclopramide Injection.

### **Before you are given Metoclopramide Injection**

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#### **When you must not be given it**

##### **Do not use Metoclopramide Injection if you:**

- have an allergy to metoclopramide, procaine, procainamide or any of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet
- have pheochromocytoma (a rare tumour of the adrenal gland that may cause high blood pressure. The adrenal gland is located near the kidney)
- have stomach or intestinal bleeding, blockage or perforation
- take other medication such as antipsychotic/neuroleptic medication and certain antidepressants that can cause movement disorders (extrapyramidal reactions)
- have porphyria (rare disease of blood pigments)
- have epilepsy (fits or seizures)

If you are not sure whether any of these apply to you, check with your doctor.

#### **Before you are given it**

##### **Tell your doctor or pharmacist if:**

1. **you have any allergies to:**
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- any other medicine
- any other substances, such as foods, preservatives or dyes

**2. you are pregnant or intend to become pregnant**

**3. you are breast-feeding or plan to breast feed**

Your baby can absorb metoclopramide from breast milk if you are breastfeeding. Your doctor will discuss with you the benefits and risks of being given it whilst you are breastfeeding.

**4. you have or have had any medical conditions, especially the following:**

- kidney disease
- liver disease
- breast cancer
- abdominal or stomach bleeding
- asthma
- intestinal blockage
- epilepsy
- Parkinson's disease (movement disorders)
- high blood pressure
- mental depression
- recent stomach surgery (within the previous 4 days)

**Taking other medicines**

**Tell your doctor if you are taking any other medicines, including any that you buy without a prescription from your pharmacy, supermarket or health food shop.**

Some medicines and metoclopramide may interfere with each other. These include:

- painkillers
- sleeping tablets
- certain drugs used to treat psychiatric disorders including depression
- medicines for hay fever, other allergies or colds
- penicillin antibiotics
- bromocriptine
- cimetidine
- quinidine
- hyoscine
- cyclosporin
- insulin
- digoxin
- dopamine
- levodopa

**Do not drink alcohol while you are being given Metoclopramide Injection.**

Your doctor will advise you about continuing to take other medicines while you are receiving Metoclopramide Injection.

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**How Metoclopramide Injection is given**

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Metoclopramide Injection is given by injection into the muscle or by slow injection into a vein. Metoclopramide Injection must only be given by a doctor or nurse.

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Your doctor will decide what dose and how long you will receive Metoclopramide Injection. This depends on your condition and other factors, such as your weight, age, how well your kidneys and liver are working, and whether or not other medicines are being given at the same time.

### **If you are given too much (overdose)**

As Metoclopramide Injection is likely to be given to you in hospital under the supervision of a doctor, it is unlikely that you will receive too much.

However, if you are given too much metoclopramide, you may experience some of the effects listed under “Side effects” below.

Your doctor has information on how to recognise and treat an overdose. Ask your doctor if you have any concerns.

In the case of an overdose, immediately tell your doctor or telephone the Poisons Information Centre (In Australia, phone 13 11 26; in New Zealand, call 0800 POISON or 0800 764 766) for advice, or go to Accident and Emergency at your nearest hospital if you have side effects after being given Metoclopramide Injection. You may need urgent medical attention.

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### **Side effects**

**Tell your doctor or nurse as soon as possible if you do not feel well while you are being given metoclopramide.**

Like other medicines, metoclopramide can cause some side effects. If they occur, most are likely to be minor or temporary. However, some may be serious and need medical attention.

**Ask your doctor or pharmacist to answer any questions that you may have.**

Do not be alarmed by this list of possible side effects. You may not experience any of them.

**Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you notice any of the following and they worry you:**

- drowsiness, tiredness;
- restlessness;
- dizziness, headache;
- bowel irregularities;
- insomnia.

The above list includes the more common side effects of your medicine. They are usually mild and short-lived.

**Tell your doctor as soon as possible if you notice any of the following:**

- uncontrolled or repeated movements, e.g. sucking or smacking of the lips darting of the tongue, chewing movements, uncontrolled movements of the arms or legs. This may be a sign of Tardive Dyskinesia, a movement disorder which can be potentially irreversible;
- Fast heartbeat.

The above list includes serious side effects that may require medical attention. Serious side effects are rare.

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**If any of the following happen, tell your doctor immediately or go to Accident and Emergency at your nearest hospital:**

- allergic reaction including fainting, swelling of limbs, face, lips, mouth or throat which may cause difficulty swallowing or breathing;
- sudden uncontrolled muscle spasm, stiffness of the arms or legs, muscle spasm of the face, lock-jaw or upturned eyes;
- shuffling walk, slowing of all movement, muscle tremor;
- neuroleptic malignant syndrome, a serious reaction with a sudden increase in body temperature, extremely high blood pressure and severe convulsions;
- tardive dyskinesia, uncontrollable twitching or jerking movements of the arms and legs.

The above list includes very serious side effects. You may need urgent medical attention or hospitalisation. These side effects are very rare.

Other side effects not listed above may also occur in some patients. If you notice any other effects, check with your doctor. Some side effects may only be seen by your doctor.

### **After being given Metoclopramide Injection**

**Be careful driving or operating machinery after you have been given Metoclopramide Injection. You may be dizzy, drowsy and feel light headed. Your reflexes may be slower.**

This medicine may cause dizziness, light-headedness, tiredness or drowsiness in some people. If you have any of these symptoms, do not drive, operate machinery or do anything else that could be dangerous.

### **Storage**

Metoclopramide Injection will be stored in the pharmacy or on the ward. The injection is kept in a cool dry place, protected from light where the temperature stays below 25°C.

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### **Product Description**

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#### **What it looks like**

Metoclopramide Injection is a clear, colourless solution in a plastic ampoule.

Metoclopramide Injection can be identified by an Australian Registration Number, which is found on the packaging: AUST R 11364

Metoclopramide Injection BP contains Metoclopramide hydrochloride 5mg/mL and sodium chloride in Water for Injections. It does not contain a preservative.

### **Supplier**

Metoclopramide Injection is supplied in Australia by:

Pfizer Australia Pty Ltd  
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