NEW ZEALAND CONSUMER MEDICINE INFORMATION

METOPROLOL IV MYLAN
Metoprolol tartrate 5 mg/5 mL solution for injection

What is in this leaflet
This leaflet answers some common questions about METOPROLOL IV MYLAN.
It does not contain all the available information. It does not take the place of talking to your doctor or pharmacist.

All medicines have risks and benefits. Your doctor has weighed the risks of being given METOPROLOL IV MYLAN against the benefits they expect it will have for you.

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

Keep this leaflet with the medicine. You may need to read it again.

What METOPROLOL IV MYLAN is used for
METOPROLOL IV MYLAN is used to treat irregular heartbeat, also known as arrhythmia, which means that there is a disturbance of the heart’s normal rhythm or beat.

This medicine belongs to a group of medicines called beta-blockers.

It works by restoring your heart beat to a more normal rate, especially if it is beating very fast.

Ask your doctor if you have any questions about why this medicine has been prescribed for you.
Your doctor may have prescribed it for another reason.

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

Before you are given METOPROLOL IV MYLAN

When you must not be given it
Do not use METOPROLOL IV MYLAN if:
- You have any allergies to metoprolol tartrate, the active ingredient in METOPROLOL IV MYLAN, or any of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet, or any other beta-blocker medicine.

Some of the symptoms of an allergic reaction may include: shortness of breath; wheezing or difficulty breathing; swelling of the face, lips, tongue or other parts of the body; rash, itching or hives on the skin.
- Asthma or other lung problems
- Heart failure
- A very slow heart beat
- A severe blood vessel disorder causing poor circulation in the arms and legs
- Low blood pressure
- Certain other heart conditions

If you have not told your doctor about any of the above, tell him/her before you are given METOPROLOL IV MYLAN.

Taking other medicines
Tell your doctor if you are taking any other medicines, including any that you get without a prescription from your pharmacy, supermarket or health food shop.
Some medicines and METOPROLOL IV MYLAN may interfere with each other. These include:
- other beta-blocker medicines, including beta-blocker eye drops
- other medicines used to treat high blood pressure, angina, an irregular heart beat or other heart conditions, including diltiazem, verapamil, hydralazine, nitroglycerin
- oral medications used to treat diabetes
- some antibiotics used to treat bacterial infections such as rifampicin
• medicines commonly used in emergency situations e.g. adrenaline and certain anaesthetics
• some medicines used to treat depression such as monoamine oxidase inhibitors (MAOI) and selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRI).
• some antihistamines
• some anti-ulcer medication such as cimetidine
• medicines used to treat arthritis, pain or inflammation such as indomethacin.
• Ergot alkaloid – a class of medicines used to treat acute migraines.

These medicines may be affected by METOPROLOL IV MYLAN or may affect how well it works. You may need different amounts of your medicines, or you may need to take different medicines.

Your doctor has more information on medicines to be careful with or avoid while being given this medicine.

How METOPROLOL IV MYLAN is given

How much is given

METOPROLOL IV MYLAN is given as a slow injection into a vein.

METOPROLOL IV MYLAN must only be given by a doctor or nurse.

Your doctor will decide what dose and for how long you will receive METOPROLOL IV MYLAN. This depends on your condition and other factors, such as your weight.

To begin treatment, up to 5 mg of METOPROLOL IV MYLAN is given at a rate of 1 to 2 mg per minute. This dose may be repeated at 5-minute intervals until a satisfactory effect is achieved.

Your blood pressure and heart will be monitored during the treatment.

If you use too much (overdose)

The doctor giving you METOPROLOL IV MYLAN will be experienced in its use, so it is unlikely that you will be given an overdose.

However, if you are accidentally given an overdose of METOPROLOL IV MYLAN you may have nausea, vomiting, convulsions, extreme slowing of the heartbeat, lowered blood pressure, possible heart failure and breathing difficulties. In extreme cases, your skin may turn blue, and you may get shock, unconsciousness or coma.

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

While you are using METOPROLOL IV MYLAN

Things to be careful of

Be careful driving or operating machinery until you know how METOPROLOL IV MYLAN affects you.

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

You may feel light-headed or dizzy when you begin to take METOPROLOL IV MYLAN. This is because your blood pressure has fallen suddenly. Standing up slowly, especially when you get up from bed or chairs, will help your body get used to the change in position and blood pressure. If this problem gets worse or continues, talk to your doctor.

Be careful when drinking alcohol while you been given this medicine.

Side effects

Tell your doctor as soon as possible if you do not feel well while you are being given METOPROLOL IV MYLAN.

This medicine helps most people but it may have unwanted side effects in a few people. All medicines can have side effects. Sometimes they are serious, most of the time they are not. You may need medical attention if you get some of the side effects.

If you are over 65 years of age you may have an increased chance of getting side effects.

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

• fatigue
• dizziness or light headed, especially when standing up
• headache
• nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain
• diarrhoea, constipation

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

• tingling or “pins and needles”
• muscle cramps
• dry mouth
• weight gain
• joint pain
• feelings of depression, nervousness, anxiety, confusion.
• sleeping disturbances or nightmares
• abnormal thinking or hallucinations
• sexual function problems
• slow or abnormal heartbeat
• breathlessness with exertion
• irritated eyes or blurred vision
• buzzing or ringing in the ears
• skin rash or worsening psoriasis
• hair loss
• increased sun sensitivity
• increased sweating

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

• signs of allergy such as swelling of the face, lips or tongue which may cause problems with swallowing or breathing
• chest tightness, wheezing, shortness of breath, ‘ratty breathing’
• fast, irregular heartbeat, palpitations
• shortness of breath which may occur together with swelling of the feet or legs due to fluid build up
• coldness, burning, numbness or pain in the arms and/or legs
• unusual bleeding or bruising
more easily than normal

- symptoms of hepatitis such as nausea, vomiting, fever, itching, yellowing of the skin and eyes, dark coloured urine

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

Tell your doctor if you notice anything that is making you feel unwell.

After using METOPROLOL IV MYLAN

Storage

METOPROLOL IV MYLAN solution for injection will be stored in the pharmacy or on the ward. It is kept in a cool dry place where the temperature stays below 25°C. It should be protected from light.

Product description

What it looks like

METOPROLOL IV MYLAN is a clear, colourless solution, packaged in a clear glass vial.

Ingredients

METOPROLOL IV MYLAN contains 5 mg/5 mL of metoprolol tartrate as the active ingredient.

It also contains:
- Sodium chloride
- Water for injection

If you want to know more

Should you have any questions regarding this product, please contact your pharmacist or doctor.

Who supplies this medicine

Distributed in New Zealand by:

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