

MOVAPO[®] Injection

Apomorphine hydrochloride (Apomorphine hydrochloride hemihydrate)

Apomorphine hydrochloride 10mg/mL injection solution

Each 5 mL ampoule contains 50 mg apomorphine hydrochloride hemihydrate.

What is in this leaflet

Please read this leaflet carefully before you start using MOVAPO Injection.

This leaflet answers some common questions about MOVAPO 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 risks and benefits. Your doctor has weighed the risks of you using MOVAPO Injection against the benefits they expect it will have for you.

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

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

What MOVAPO Injection is used for

MOVAPO Injection contains the active ingredient apomorphine hydrochloride hemihydrate. Apomorphine belongs to a group of medicines called dopaminergic compounds.

Apomorphine is used in the treatment of Parkinson's disease to reduce the number and severity of bouts of freezing and stiffness (or "off" periods). This medicine works by acting on dopamine receptors. These receptors help control movement by the body.

Your doctor may have prescribed MOVAPO Injection for another reason.

Ask your doctor if you have any questions about why MOVAPO Injection has been prescribed for you.

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

This medicine is not addictive.

Before you use MOVAPO Injection

When you must not use it

Do not use MOVAPO Injection if:

You have an allergy to:

- any medicine containing apomorphine or sodium metabisulfite
- any of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet
- certain types of pain killers such as morphine or other opioid analgesics

Some symptoms of 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.

Always check the ingredients to make sure you can use this medicine.

You have or have had any of the following medical conditions:

- Certain forms of dementia, e.g. Alzheimer's Disease
- Severe kidney or liver disease
- Problems with circulation of blood in the brain (cerebrovascular disease)
- Breathing problems (respiratory depression)

Do not use MOVAPO Injection if:

- the packaging is torn or shows signs of tampering
- the expiry date printed on the pack has passed
- the solution has turned green or if the solution is cloudy or you can see particles in it.

If you are not sure whether you should start using MOVAPO Injection, talk to your doctor.

Before you start to use it

Tell your doctor if:

- have allergies to any other medicines, foods, preservatives or dyes
- you have or have had any of the following medical conditions:
- a history of nausea and vomiting
- heart disease
- kidney disease
- liver disease
- lung disease
- problem gambling
- any addictive behaviour (e.g. sex, shopping or eating)

Before you use MOVAPO Injection, your doctor will obtain an ECG (electrocardiogram) and will ask for a list of all medicines you take. This ECG will be repeated in the first days of your treatment and at any point if your doctor thinks this is needed. Your doctor will also ask you about other diseases you have, in particular concerning your heart. Some questions and investigations may be repeated at each medical visit. If you experience symptoms which may come from the heart, e.g. palpitations, fainting or near-fainting, you should report this to your doctor immediately. Also, if you experience diarrhoea or start a new medication, this should be reported to your doctor too.

If you have not told your doctor about any of the above, tell them before you start using MOVAPO Injection.

Taking other medicines

Tell your doctor if you are taking any other medicines, including medicines that you buy without a prescription from your pharmacy, supermarket or health food shop. You should also tell any health professional who is prescribing a new medication for you that you are taking MOVAPO Injection.

Some medicines may interfere with MOVAPO Injection. These include:

- tetrabenazine, a medicine used to treat movement disorders
- metoclopramide, a medicine used to treat nausea
- medicines used to treat some psychiatric (mental) conditions (e.g. phenothiazines, haloperidol, flupenthixol, clozapine)
- papaverine, a medicine which expands blood vessels
- amphetamines
- ondansetron, granisetron, and palonosetron, are medicines used to treat nausea and vomiting. This may result in a severe drop in blood pressure or loss of consciousness.

These medicines may be affected by MOVAPO Injection, or may affect how well it works. You may need different amounts of your medicine, or you may need to take different medicines.

Your doctor or pharmacist has more information on medicines to be careful with or avoid while taking MOVAPO Injection.

How to use MOVAPO Injection

How much to take

MOVAPO Injection is usually given as an injection or infusion under the skin.

Your doctor will tell you what dose to use. This depends on your initial response to MOVAPO Injection.

When to take it

You and/or your carer will be trained by hospital staff to recognise when to use MOVAPO Injection.

How long to take it

This medicine is for single use only. Once opened, the contents of the ampoule should be used immediately. Discard any unused solution.

Follow the instructions provided and use MOVAPO Injection until your doctor tells you to stop.

It is important not to suddenly stop taking your MOVAPO Injection, unless advised to do so by your doctor. If you stop taking it suddenly, your condition may worsen, or you may have unwanted side effects. The dose will normally be reduced gradually over several days.

If you forget to take it

If it is nearly time for your next dose, skip the missed dose and inject your next dose at the usual time. Otherwise, inject the missed dose as soon as you remember. Do not inject two doses at the same time.

While you are using MOVAPO Injection

Things you must do

- If you plan to have surgery, tell the surgeon or anaesthetist you are taking this medicine. It may affect any medicines used during surgery.
- Keep all your doctor's appointments so that your progress can be checked.

If you are about to be started on any new medicine tell your doctor and pharmacist that you are taking MOVAPO Injection.

Call your doctor straight away if you:

- are about to start on any new medication
- become pregnant
- have any symptoms which may come from your heart,
- e.g. palpitations, fainting, or near-fainting
- experience diarrhoea

Things you must not do

Do not give MOVAPO Injection to anyone else, even if they have the same condition as you.

- Do not use MOVAPO Injection to treat any other complaints unless your doctor tells you to.
- Do not give this medicine to anyone else, even if they have the same condition as you.
- Do not stop MOVAPO Injection abruptly or change the dose, without speaking to your doctor to discuss a taper treatment plan.

Things to be careful of

Be careful before you drive or use any machines or tools until you know how MOVAPO Injection affects you.

MOVAPO Injection may cause drowsiness, sudden onset of sleepiness, dizziness or light-headedness in some people. If you have any of these symptoms do not drive, operate machinery or do anything else that could be dangerous.

In case of overdose

If you take too much (overdose)

Immediately telephone your doctor or the National Poisons Centre (telephone 0800 POISON or 0800 764 766), or go to accident and emergency at your nearest hospital, if you think that you or anyone else may have taken too much MOVAPO Injection.

Do this even if there are no signs of discomfort or poisoning.

Symptoms of overdose may include severe nausea and vomiting, slow or troubled breathing, restlessness, hallucinations or unconsciousness.

Side Effects

Tell your doctor or pharmacist as soon as possible if you do not feel well while you are using MOVAPO Injection.

All medicines can have side effects. Sometimes they are serious, most of the time they are not. You may need medical treatment if you get some of the adverse effects. Ask your doctor or pharmacist to answer any questions you may have.

Less serious side effects

Less serious side effects	What to do
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<p>Gut related:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nausea or vomiting particularly when starting this medicine <p>Skin and Hair related:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lumps under the skin, rashes or ulcers at the site of injection which are sore, troublesome and may be red and itchy • Reduced facial hair <p>Nervous system related:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drowsiness or suddenly falling asleep • Confusion • Dizziness or light-headedness when standing up, fainting • Headache <p>Eyes, nose and mouth related:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unpleasant metallic taste, sore mouth • Runny nose • Watery eyes <p>Other:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weight loss • Spontaneous penile erection • Yawning 	<p>Speak to your doctor if you have any of these less serious side effects and they worry you.</p>
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Serious side effects

Serious side effects	What to do
<p>Nervous system or behaviour related:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased involuntary movements or increased shakiness during “on” periods • Aggression, agitation • Inability to resist impulse, drive or temptation to perform an action that could be harmful to you or others, which may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - decreased or increased sexual arousal - increased need to gamble - compulsive eating, shopping or medication use <p>Blood related:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction in blood platelets which can lead to bleeding or bruising • Reduction in red blood cells which can lead to pale yellow skin, weakness or breathlessness 	<p>Call your doctor straight away if you notice any of these serious side effects.</p>

Very serious side effects

Serious side effects	What to do
<p>Allergy related:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shortness of breath • Wheezing or difficulty breathing • Swelling of the face, lips, tongue or other parts of the body • Rash, itching or hives of the skin <p>Nervous system or behaviour related:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hallucinations (seeing, hearing or feeling things that are not there) • High fever, muscle cramps or stiffness, dizziness, severe headache, fast heartbeat, confusion, agitation, hallucinations, or if you are sweating a lot (symptoms relating to neuroleptic malignant syndrome) 	<p>Call your doctor straight away, or go straight to the Emergency Department at your nearest hospital if you notice any of these very serious side effects.</p>

Other adverse effects not listed above may also occur in some patients. Tell your doctor if you notice any other effects.

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

Other side effects not listed above may also occur in some people.

Tell your doctor, nurse or pharmacist if you notice any other effect that is making you feel unwell.

After using MOVAPO Injection

Storage

Store MOVAPO Injection below 25°C.

- Do not freeze.
- Keep in the original carton to protect from light.

Follow the instructions in the carton on how to take care of your medicine properly.

Store it in a cool dry place away from moisture, heat or sunlight; for example, do not store it:

- in the bathroom or near a sink, or
- in the car or on window sills.

Keep it where young children cannot reach it.

Disposal

If you no longer need to use this medicine or it is out of date, take it to any pharmacy for safe disposal.

Do not use this medicine after the expiry date.

Product description

What it looks like

MOVAPO 50 mg/5 mL is a clear, colourless, sterile solution, supplied in a box of 5 ampoules.

Ingredients

Active ingredient(s):

- Apomorphine hydrochloride hemihydrate

Inactive ingredients:

- Sodium metabisulfite
- Water for injections
- Hydrochloric acid
- Sodium hydroxide (MOVAPO only)

Potential allergens: Sodium metabisulfite.

Do not take this medicine if you are allergic to any of these ingredients.

Sponsor Details

MOVAPO Injection is supplied in New Zealand by:

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