

SODIUM CHLORIDE IV INFUSION

Sodium Chloride Intravenous Infusion BP

Consumer Medicine Information

What is in this leaflet

This leaflet answers some common questions about Sodium Chloride IV Infusion.

It does not contain all of 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 prescribed Sodium Chloride IV infusion for you in the knowledge that the benefits outweigh any possible risks.

If you have any concerns, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

Keep this leaflet.

You may need to read it again.

What Sodium Chloride IV Infusion is used for

Human body weight is about 60% water, which contains various mineral salts and other elements. Sodium chloride is one of the main mineral salts in the body fluid. An optimum level of salts in circulation is essential for good health.

Sodium Chloride IV Infusion is used for treatment of fluid

loss and to restore sodium chloride balance.

It is used in the treatment of patients who are unable to take fluids and nutrients by mouth.

It is also used for dilution of other medicines before injection into the body.

Before you are given Sodium Chloride IV Infusion

Sodium Chloride IV Infusion should not be given to you if:

- you have congestive heart failure.
- you have ischaemic stroke, or
- you have severe renal insufficiency

Also, the product should not be used if the expiry date printed on the bottom of the bag has passed or if the packaging is torn or shows any signs of tampering.

You must tell your doctor if you:

- have heart disease
- have any other illness, especially the following: kidney disease, liver disease, swelling of the hands, ankles or feet, or breathlessness

- are taking any prescription medicine, or even non-prescription medicines
- If you are receiving corticosteroids or corticotrophin
- have ever had an allergic reaction to sodium chloride injection
- are pregnant
- are breast feeding

How Sodium Chloride IV Infusion is given

How much is given:

Your doctor will decide how much Sodium Chloride IV infusion will be given to you. This depends on your need and condition.

The solution is delivered by intravenous infusion; therefore it should be given by using special equipment and attended by a healthcare professional (doctor, trained nurse).

How it is given:

Sodium Chloride IV infusion is given at a slow rate of injection (drip) by a health professional.

Usually, you will need to stay in a health care institution (hospital, nursing home, clinic, and in some cases it may be administered at home, etc).

Special medical equipment is required to deliver the medicine into your blood stream. A cannula (administration needle) is normally placed in a blood stream vein. Your doctor knows which vein to use. The infusion is for single use for one person only.

In Case of overdose

Overdose with Sodium Chloride IV infusion is rare and as your doctor has had experience in the use of this medicine, it is unlikely that you will be given an overdose. However, in the unlikely event that overdose occurs, the infusion is discontinued and other treatment may be needed. You may experience some of the effects listed under "Side Effects" below.

While you are having Sodium Chloride IV Infusion

Frequent clinical evaluation and laboratory tests may be required.

As Sodium Chloride IV Infusion is normally given in a hospital, your nurse or carer will make appropriate records during your treatment and will note any unexpected effects you may experience.

Things you must do

Contact your doctor immediately if you develop fever, persistent vomiting, diarrhoea, signs of dehydration, cough or

breathing difficulties or signs of an allergic reaction occur. Things you must not do Do not have 0.9% Sodium Chloride to treat any other complaints unless your doctor or pharmacist tells you to.

Things to be careful of

Be careful driving or operating machinery until you know how 0.9% Sodium Chloride affects you.

Side effects

As with any medicine, some side effects may occur.

Some swelling of the hands, ankles and feet may be experienced due to retention of water in your body. In rare circumstances, this may also involve the lungs, which may cause some breathing difficulty. Other symptoms may include:

- allergic reactions
- itching
- rashes
- fever
- nausea
- vomiting
- headache
- dizziness
- drowsiness
- confusion
- tremor
- chills

Inflammation of the vein at the site of injection is also possible.

Always tell your doctor or nurse immediately if you have any unexpected effects during or after receiving Sodium Chloride IV Infusion.

How to store Sodium Chloride IV Infusion

Sodium Chloride IV Infusion should be stored below 30 °C.

Do not freeze.

Do not expose to the heat.

Keep out of reach of children.

If for any reason you need to keep this product at home it should be stored in a locked cupboard.

Product description

What does Sodium Chloride IV Infusion look like?

It is a clear colourless solution of sodium chloride in water, packaged in Viaflex plastic bags.

It is a sterile solution and intended for slow intravenous injection.

What is in Sodium Chloride IV Infusion?

The active component of Sodium Chloride IV Infusion is sodium chloride. Sodium chloride is highly purified common salt. It is dissolved in Water for Injections. It is available in several concentrations; 0.45%, 0.9% and 3%, and in volumes ranging from 50 - 1,000 millilitres.

Where can you get more information?

You can get more information from your doctor or pharmacist.

Name and address of the manufacturer (the sponsor)

Baxter Healthcare Pty Ltd
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Old Toongabbie NSW 2146,
Australia

Australian registration numbers:

- AUST R 19477 – Sodium chloride 0.9% - 50 mL
- AUST R 48515 – Sodium chloride 0.9% - 100 mL
- AUST R 48517 – Sodium chloride 0.9% - 250 mL
- AUST R 48519 – Sodium chloride 0.9% - 500 mL
- AUST R 48520 – Sodium chloride 0.9% - 1000 mL
- AUST R 19477 – Sodium chloride 0.9% - 50 ml x 2
- AUST R 48515 – Sodium chloride 0.9% - 100 mL x 2
- AUST R 19472 – Sodium chloride 0.45% - 500 mL x 18
- AUST R 19500 – Sodium chloride 3% - 1000 mL

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