

0.4% LIDOCAINE HYDROCHLORIDE IN 5% GLUCOSE INTRAVENOUS INFUSION

Consumer Medicine Information

What is in this leaflet?

This leaflet answers some common questions about 0.4% Lidocaine Hydrochloride in 5% Glucose Intravenous Infusion.

All medicines have risks and benefits. Your doctor has prescribed Lidocaine in Glucose IV Infusion for you in the knowledge that the benefits outweigh any possible risks. This leaflet does not take the place of talking to your doctor, nurse or pharmacist. If you have any concerns about receiving this medicine, ask your health care professional

Keep this leaflet in a safe place. You may need to read it again.

What Lidocaine Hydrochloride in Glucose IV Infusion is used for.

Lidocaine Hydrochloride in Glucose IV Infusion is used for the prevention of unusual or irregular heart beats which may be caused by:

- Heart attack
- General anaesthetic (in patients at risk of irregular heartbeats)
- Overdose of digoxin (a drug used to treat heart failure)

Before you are given Lidocaine Hydrochloride in Glucose IV Infusion

Lidocaine Hydrochloride in Glucose IV Infusion should not be given to you if:

- You have, at any time, had an allergic reaction to lidocaine or similar local anaesthetic drugs
- You have certain heart conditions

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 any kind of heart condition
- You suffer from low blood pressure
- You have a pacemaker
- You suffer from heart failure
- You have liver disease, kidney disease or epilepsy
- You are taking other medicines for the treatment of irregular heartbeats or for any other purpose, including anything that you bought without a prescription from your pharmacy, supermarket or health food shop.
- You are pregnant
- You are breast-feeding

How Lidocaine Hydrochloride in Glucose IV Infusion is given

Your doctor will decide how much Lidocaine Hydrochloride in Glucose IV Infusion will be given to you, which depends on your needs and medical condition. The solution is delivered by intravenous infusion (drip); therefore it should be given by using special equipment and attended by a health professional (doctor, trained nurse). A cannula (administration needle) is normally placed in a vein by your doctor or nurse. The infusion is for single use, and for one person only.

Your doctor will usually monitor your heart whilst you are being given Lidocaine Hydrochloride in Glucose IV Infusion to assess your response to the medicine. Frequent clinical evaluation and blood tests may be required. As Lidocaine Hydrochloride in Glucose IV Infusion is normally given in a hospital, your nurse or doctor will make appropriate records during your treatment and will note any unexpected effects you may experience.

Side Effects

As with any medicines, some side effects may occur. Some swelling of the hands, ankles and feet may be experienced due to retention fluid in your body. In rare circumstances, this may also involve the lungs, which may cause some breathing difficulty. Other symptoms may include nausea, vomiting, headache, dizziness, drowsiness or confusion. Inflammation at the site of injection, or swelling of your veins near the site of injection is also possible. Always tell your doctor or nurse immediately if you have any unexpected effects during or after receiving Lidocaine Hydrochloride in Glucose IV Infusion.

Some patients have experienced one or more of the following:

- Light-headedness or dizziness,
- Drowsiness
- Mood alterations
- Disorientation or confusion
- Drowsiness
- Ringing in the ears
- Blurred or double vision
- Shortness of breath
- Difficulty swallowing
- Nausea and/or vomiting
- Sensation of heat, cold or numbness
- Slurred speech
- Muscle twitching and tremors
- Seizures (fits)

Tell your doctor or nurse immediately if you feel excessively sleepy, or experience a sensation of burning, pricking, tickling or tingling while you are being given this medicine.

Other side effects not listed above may also occur in some patients. Tell your doctor or nurse if you notice anything else that is making you feel unwell. Do not be alarmed by this list of possible side effects. You may not experience any of them.

In Case of Overdose

Overdose with Lidocaine Hydrochloride in Glucose 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 does occur, the infusion will be discontinued and other treatment may be needed. You may experience some of the effects listed under “Side Effects” above.

Storage

Lidocaine Hydrochloride in Glucose IV Infusion should be stored below 30°C. Do not freeze. Do not expose to heat. Keep out of reach of children.

Product Description

What it looks like.

Lidocaine Hydrochloride in Glucose IV Infusion is supplied in a 500 mL Vialflex plastic bag. It is a clear colourless solution.

Ingredients

Active Ingredients:
Lidocaine Hydrochloride

Inactive Ingredients:
Glucose
Water for Injections
Sodium Hydroxide

Where can you get more information?

You can get more information from your doctor or pharmacist.

Name and address of the manufacturer (sponsor)

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