

POTASSIUM CHLORIDE IN GLUCOSE 5% INTRAVENOUS INFUSION BP (Potassium Chloride in Glucose IV Infusion)

Consumer Medicine Information

What is in this leaflet?

This leaflet answers some common questions about **Potassium Chloride (0.15% or 0.224%) in Glucose 5 % Intravenous Infusion**. It does not contain all of the available information. All medicines have risks and benefits.

Your doctor has prescribed Potassium Chloride in Glucose IV Infusion for you in the knowledge that the benefits outweigh any possible risks. It 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.

What Potassium Chloride in Glucose IV Infusion is used for?

Potassium Chloride in Glucose IV Infusion is used to replace and maintain body fluid and mineral salts such as potassium chloride that may be lost for a variety of medical reasons. Potassium Chloride in Glucose IV Infusion is especially suitable when the losses result in depletion of the body's stores of potassium. Glucose is used by the body as a source of energy.

Before you are given the Potassium Chloride in Glucose IV Infusion

Potassium Chloride in Glucose IV Infusion should not be given to you if:

- you have had an allergic reaction to corn or corn products (Glucose is produced from cornstarch.) you have already too much glucose in your blood
- you have congestive heart failure (constant wheezing, shortness of breath)
- you have ischaemic stroke (have had a stroke)
- you have liver disease as a consequence of alcoholism, or
- you suffer from reduced kidney function (not passing urine)

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
- are a diabetic
- have any other illness
- are taking other medicines including anything that you bought without a prescription from your pharmacy, supermarket or health food shop
- have ever had an allergic reaction to glucose, corn or products made from corn
- are pregnant
- are breast feeding

How Potassium Chloride in Glucose IV Infusion is given

How much is given:

Your doctor will decide how much Potassium Chloride and Glucose IV infusion will be given to you, which depends on your needs and medical condition. The solution is delivered by intravenous infusion; therefore it should be given by using special equipment and attended by a health professional (doctor, trained nurse).

How it is given:

Potassium Chloride and Glucose IV infusion will be given at a slow rate of injection (drip) by a health professional. Usually, you will need to stay in a health institution (hospital, clinic, nursing home, etc). Special medical equipment is used to deliver the medicine into your bloodstream. This delivery should be attended by a health professional. 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.

In Case of overdose

Overdose with Potassium Chloride and 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" below.

While you are receiving Potassium Chloride in Glucose IV Infusion

Frequent clinical evaluation and laboratory tests may be required. As Potassium Chloride and Glucose 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.

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. Retention of excess potassium is serious if it is not treated. The symptoms include tingling or numbness of hands or feet, muscle weakness, disorientation, and heart problems such as slow or irregular heart beat. 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 Potassium Chloride and Glucose IV Infusion.

Product descriptions

What Potassium Chloride in Glucose IV Infusion looks like?

It is a clear colourless or slightly yellow solution of glucose and potassium chloride in water packaged in Viaflex plastic bags.

What is in Potassium Chloride & Glucose IV Infusion?

Active components:

Potassium chloride

Glucose

Inactive components:

Water for Injections

How to store Potassium Chloride Glucose IV Infusion

Potassium Chloride and Glucose IV Infusion should be stored below 30°C. Do not freeze. Do not expose to heat. Keep out of reach of children.

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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www.baxterhealthcare.com.au.

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