

SODIUM CHLORIDE IRRIGATION SOLUTION BP

Consumer Medicine Information

What is in this leaflet?

This leaflet answers some common questions about Sodium Chloride Irrigation BP. The letters BP following the name signify that it complies with the British Pharmacopoeia, which is the official reference standard for medicines in Australia.

It does not contain all of the available information.

All medicines have risks and benefits. Your doctor has ordered the use of Sodium Chloride Irrigation 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 is Sodium Chloride Irrigation Solution used for?

Sodium Chloride Irrigation is a sterile solution used to clean wounds and flush away tissue debris and blood during surgical procedures. It can be also used for soaking surgical dressings, instruments, or rinsing a urethral catheter, which is a tube used to drain the bladder.

What you should know before the use of Sodium Chloride Irrigation Solution

Your surgeon will carefully consider the use of this product during your operation. However, this product should not be used if:

- you are undergoing an electrosurgical procedure
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. It should not be given by injection or infusion (slow IV drip).

You must tell your doctor if you:

- have any other illness
- are taking any other medicines including anything that you bought without a prescription from your pharmacy, supermarket or health food shop
- have allergies to medicine, foods, preservative or dyes.

How Sodium Chloride Irrigation Solution is used:

It is used to wash and clean body cavities, wounds, eyes and other delicate tissues. It must not be injected or swallowed.

How much is used:

Your health professionals will decide how much Sodium Chloride Irrigation Solution will be needed depending upon your needs. A new container of fluid must be used each time, and the remainder discarded.

In case of overdose

Sodium Chloride Irrigation Solution is a sterile saline (salt) solution, and is for use only as a cleansing agent to be used as needed in a surgical procedure. It is therefore unlikely to cause overdose.

While Sodium Chloride Irrigation Solution is being used:

Ensure that a new container of Sodium Chloride Irrigation Solution is opened on every occasion of use. It is a sterile solution and it does not contain a preservative. Once opened, it will not remain sterile. The volume of container selected should be appropriate for a single application only. Discard any remaining solution immediately after use.

Side effects

Side effects are not expected with Sodium Chloride Irrigation Solution. However it is possible that a few people may experience unwanted side effects. Always tell your doctor or nurse if you feel anything unusual when Sodium Chloride Irrigation Solution is used, or after irrigation is completed.

Product descriptions***What does Sodium Chloride Irrigation Solution look like?***

It is a clear colourless solution of sodium chloride in flexible Viaflex plastic bags and in plastic bottles

What is in Sodium Chloride Irrigation Solution?

The active component of Sodium Chloride Irrigation Solution is sodium chloride (common salt). It is formulated in Water for Injections, and does not contain additives. The solution should be used promptly once the container is opened and any unused portion must be discarded.

How to store Sodium Chloride IV Infusion

Sodium Chloride Irrigation Solution should be stored below 30°C. Do not freeze. If directed to do so by your doctor or nurse, the solution may be gently warmed in a warming cabinet, oven or water bath before use. A microwave oven **should not** be used. 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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