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SUPRANE (Desflurane USP)

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What Is Suprane

SUPRANE is one of a family of drugs called halogenated methylethyl ethers which are administered by inhalation by an anaesthetist when you go for surgery. It is a colourless fluid supplied in an amber coloured glass bottle. It is given by your anaesthetist using a vaporiser specifically designed for use with SUPRANE.

What Suprane Is Used For

SUPRANE is a special mixture of anaesthetic drug used for inducing and maintaining heavy sleep during surgery. It is administered by inhalation by your anaesthetist. The medication produces loss of consciousness and pain sensations during the surgery.

SUPRANE is washed out quickly from the body via the lungs so that recovery from the anaesthetic is rapid once the drug has been stopped.

Your doctor will help you understand the benefits of taking SUPRANE during surgery in your case.

Before You Receive Suprane

Before you are due to receive it

You must tell your doctor if:

- You had previously had any problems with a general anaesthetic.
- You, or anyone in your family, have malignant hyperthermia (a rare special type of severe fever).
- You have allergies to:
 - SUPRANE (if you have had this anaesthetic before and experienced an allergic reaction).
 - Halogenated anaesthetic agents which are breathed in to induce anaesthesia.
- You have the following medical conditions:
 - heart disease; for example coronary artery disease, high or low blood pressure
 - growths or abnormalities in your brain
 - any problems with your liver.
- You are on the following medications:
 - opioids or narcotic drugs like morphine or pethidine
 - sedatives like benzodiazepines or any sort of sleeping tablets
 - muscle relaxing drugs
 - any other medicines, including medicines that you buy without a prescription.

These medicines may affect the way your doctor gives you SUPRANE.

- You are pregnant, or suspect you may be pregnant. The safety of SUPRANE during pregnancy is not yet known.
- You are breast-feeding. It is not yet known whether SUPRANE is excreted in human milk.

When You Must Not Receive It

SUPRANE should not be given to patients who are not suitable for receiving a general anaesthetic.

SUPRANE should not be given to patients who are allergic or sensitive to halogenated anaesthetic agents.

SUPRANE is usually not recommended for children unless there is a special reason. If you are under 12 or you have a child under 12 and SUPRANE has been recommended for use then you should discuss this with your doctor.

Using Suprane

SUPRANE comes in a glass bottle and is supplied directly to your anaesthetist.

SUPRANE is given only by persons trained in the administration of general anaesthesia. It is given using a vaporiser specifically designed and designated for use with SUPRANE. The dose of SUPRANE will be adjusted to keep you at the right depth of sleep.

SUPRANE may affect your ability to drive or operate machinery and it is advisable to avoid such tasks for a period of 24 hours after anaesthesia.

Side Effects

People usually wake up quickly after anaesthesia with SUPRANE. As with all medicines, unwanted effects sometimes happen.

SUPRANE may cause some lowering of blood pressure and breathing rate. You will not know about these things since you will be asleep but your anaesthetist will adjust the dose of SUPRANE as necessary and will give other medicines if needed.

Some people who received SUPRANE have noticed the following side effects:

- cough
- breath-holding
- salivation

Nausea and vomiting on waking are common after surgery and general anaesthesia. After anaesthesia there may be a brief rise in your white blood cell count. Your doctor will monitor this if it happens.

It is possible that SUPRANE may cause a very rare group of symptoms known as malignant hyperthermia. The features of this are muscle rigidity, rapid pulse, breathing heavily and quickly, bluish lips and skin, changes in blood pressure and a fever. Your doctor will treat this by stopping the SUPRANE and using other medicines as needed.

Product Description

What it looks like:

SUPRANE is a colourless liquid supplied in an amber coloured glass bottle.

Ingredients:

Each vial contains the active substances, 1,2,2,2-tetrafluoroethyl-difluoromethyl ether.

How Can I Obtain More Facts About Suprane?

Your doctor, anaesthetist and hospital pharmacist can discuss SUPRANE with you. If you have any concerns or queries about SUPRANE ask them.

Manufacturer

SUPRANE is manufactured by Baxter Healthcare Corporation of Puerto Rico, Guayama, Puerto Rico 00784 USA, and is distributed in Australia by:

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