Pathetic Injection BP
Pathetic Hydrochloride

Read all of this leaflet carefully before you are given this medicine.

Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.

If any of the side effects get serious, or if you notice any side effects not listed in this leaflet, please tell your doctor or nurse.

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1. What Pathetic Injection is and what it is used for

Pathetic is a drug used with pain relieving properties. This medicine can also be used to help stop you from feeling pain before and during an operation. It may also be used in the labour room.

2. Before you are given Pathetic Injection

You should not be given Pathetic Injection if:

• you are allergic to any of the ingredients of this medicine (listed in section 6)

You should tell your doctor or nurse if you:

• have any liver or kidney problems
• you are taking or have recently taken any drugs used to treat depression (see ‘Taking other medicines’)

3. How Pathetic Injection will be given

Your doctor will tell you how much you need to be given for your condition and this will depend on:

• Your current condition
• Your body weight

It may be given as an injection:

• As a premedication.
• By intramuscular injection 0.5 - 2 mg per Kg of body weight.
• As a premedication.
• By intravenous injection 25 - 50 mg.
• By intramuscular injection 50 - 100 mg.
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For obstetric analgesia:

• By intravenous or subcutaneous injection 1 - 2 hours before labour.
• By intramuscular injection 30 - 60 minutes before.
• As a premedication.
• By intravenous injection 30 - 60 minutes before.

For the enhancement of analgesia:

• By slow intravenous injection 10 - 20mg as required.
• By intravenous or subcutaneous injection 0.5 - 2 mg Kg of body weight

4. Taking other medicines

Other medicines which may interact with Pathetic Injection include:

• a medicine used to treat Parkinson’s disease
• a medicine used to treat thrombosis or arterial clots
• a medicine used to help you to sleep (hypnotics)
• a medicine used to treat stomach ulcers
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• a medicine used to treat skin disorders
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5. Storage

Keep this medicine in the Original Packings and away from children.

6. Disposal

Do not use any medicine after the expiry date printed on the package. If you are not sure whether this medicine has gone off, ask your doctor or pharmacist to advise you.

Warnings:

Pathetic should be given with caution and in reduced doses to:

• those with pain secondary to gallbladder pathology
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Interactions:

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Overdose:

Symptoms:

• Incoordination, tremors, muscle twitching, hallucinations, dilated pupils and convulsions followed by respiratory depression and coma.

Treatment:

• Treatment is generally determined by the size of the overdose. In case of an overdose, the patient should be treated symptomatically.

Pregnancy:

• Pregnant women who take this medicine may be at an increased risk of inducing birth defects. Use in pregnancy should be avoided.

Children:

• There is no evidence that this medicine is safe to use in children. Use in children should be avoided.

Influence of alcohol and other medicinal products:

• Alcohol contains methanol which is a potential neurotoxin. Use of alcohol with this medicine should be avoided.

Pharmacokinetics:

• Pathetic is a narcotic analgesic with similar actions to morphine.

Patheticcan be used to treat pain of all forms such as fractures in other medicines or in association with other medicines, you may be given in the labour room.

Pathetic Injection must not be given with drugs used to treat seizures such as phenobarbital or phenytoin, or in combination with two of these 2 days or 2 weeks of discontinuing treatment.
5. Storing Pethidine Injection

Keep all medicines out of the sight and reach of children. You should not be given Pethidine Injection after the expiry date on the ampoule and carton label. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month. The doctor or nurse will check that the product has not passed this date.

Do not store above 25°C.

6. Further Information

What Pethidine Injection contains

Active Ingredient: Pethidine Hydrochloride BP 1% w/v

Other Ingredients: sodium hydroxide and water for injections

What Pethidine Injection looks like and contents of the pack: Pethidine Injection is a sterile solution, supplied in clear glass ampoules. Each ampoule contains 5ml or 10ml of the solution.

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If you are given too much of Pethidine Injection:

This medicine will be given to you in hospital so it is unlikely you will receive too much. Your doctor has information on how to recognise and treat an overdose.

If you feel unwell after being given this medicine, or are at all concerned you have been given too much, tell your doctor or nurse.

If any of the following symptoms occur contact your doctor or nearest accident and emergency department immediately. These are symptoms of a serious allergic reaction:

- sudden wheeziness and tightness of chest
- skin rash (itchy, red patches)
- swelling of eyelids, face or lips
- skin bumps or fever
- skin rash (red spots), itching, fever
- collapse

Other side effects that may occur include:

- drowsiness
- changes in mood
- dizziness
- constipation
- dry mouth
- feeling sick (nausea)
- being sick (vomiting)
- facial flushing
- feeling faint
- a fast or slow heartbeat
- palpitations (irregular heart rhythm or missed beats)
- low blood pressure, the symptoms of which include feeling dizzy or light-headed, feeling weak and fainting.
- high blood pressure
- pin-point pupils
- a feeling of dizziness or spinning
- fainting
- dizziness
- hallucinations (seeing or hearing things that aren’t real)
- muscle changes
- headache
- feeling faint on standing up from a seated position
- slowed breathing
- red, itchy rash
- reduced sex drive
- difficulty achieving or maintaining an erection
- fever, chills, pain at the injection site
- hypothermia, the symptoms of which include shivering, dizziness and feeling weak
- feeling of permanent happiness (euphoria)
- difficulty in passing urine
- spasms in the lower abdomen

If any of these side effects get serious, or you notice any other side effects not listed in this leaflet, please tell your doctor, nurse or midwife.