

Glucose Injection MINIJET®

Consumer Medicine Information

You may have been given this product in an emergency situation by a non-medical health professional.

WHAT IS IN THIS LEAFLET?

This leaflet contains information about Glucose Injection MINIJET. Please read it carefully and keep it for future reference. The information in this leaflet is only a summary and is not intended to replace advice from your doctor.

Please consult your doctor or pharmacist if you have any comments or questions.

WHAT IS GLUCOSE?

Glucose is a sugar and is the basic chemical from which the body derives its energy.

WHEN IS GLUCOSE USED?

Glucose injection is given to diabetic patients who become unconscious because they have not eaten enough after receiving their insulin injection. It is occasionally used in people who are severely ill with alcohol intoxication.

As glucose may be used in medical emergencies, the injection may be given by paramedical personnel such as ambulance or nursing staff.

WHO SHOULD NOT HAVE GLUCOSE INJECTIONS?

The only people who should not have glucose injections are those who have ischaemic heart disease, those who already have too much glucose in their blood or who are severely dehydrated and those who are allergic to corn or corn products.

BEFORE YOU HAVE A GLUCOSE INJECTION

If you are conscious you should tell your doctor if you:

- have ischaemic heart disease
- are a diabetic
- are an asthmatic
- are an alcoholic
- have any other illness
- are taking any medicine and what they are
- have kidney disease
- have ever had an allergic reaction to glucose
- are allergic to corn or corn products
- are pregnant
- are breast feeding.

SIDE EFFECTS OF GLUCOSE

As with any other medicine, some side effects may occur.

Some patients experience a warm flush all over after the injection which usually lasts for about 10 minutes.

Glucose injections are always put into a vein and after the injection the vein may be sore or may become infected. There are reports of diabetic patients with asthma who had allergic reactions to glucose injections; this is a very rare occurrence.

Diabetic patients who already have too much sugar will be made worse by glucose injections.

Always tell your doctor if you have any unpleasant effects after receiving Glucose Injection MINIJET.

THE DOSE OF GLUCOSE

The dose will vary with the condition of the patient. Enough is given to overcome the shortage of glucose.

OVERDOSE

A person who has had an overdose of glucose will have sugar in their urine. Too much glucose in the blood may cause dehydration, mental confusion, or death in severe cases.

Insulin is usually used to reduce the amount of glucose in the blood. Other problems are treated as they arise.

WHAT DOES Glucose Injection MINIJET CONTAIN?

Glucose Injection MINIJET contains glucose at a concentration of 25 g glucose in 50 mL of water (50% w/v).

There are no additives.

HOW TO STORE Glucose Injection MINIJET

Glucose Injection MINIJET should be protected from light and stored below 25°C. It should not be used after the expiry date on the package.

WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

You can get more information from your doctor or pharmacist.

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