Package leaflet: Information for the patient
Sodium Valproate Injection for Injection for Infusion

1. What Sodium Valproate Injection is and what it is used for
Sodium Valproate Injection contains a medicine called sodium valproate. This medicine is used to treat conditions which affect the way the brain functions, such as epilepsy and certain mental health disorders including schizophrenia, bipolar disorder and depression.

2. How to take Sodium Valproate Injection
Talk to your doctor, nurse or pharmacist before taking Sodium Valproate Injection if:
- you have a known metabolic disorder, i.e. a urea cycle disorder
- you have a 'urea cycle disorder' where too much ammonia builds up in the blood
- you have a genetic problem caused by a mitochondrial disorder
- you have a syndrome or disorder which affects the way the body breaks down or removes certain medicines such as salicylates, chloroquine and quinidine
- you have a genetic disorder such as situs inversus (e.g. Alpers-Huttenlocher syndrome)
- you have a known or suspected liver disease
- you are sensitive to any of the ingredients in Sodium Valproate Injection

3. How Sodium Valproate Injection is given
Sodium Valproate Injection is given by a healthcare professional as an injection into the body. It usually enters into a vein or muscle, but other routes such as a back of the hand may also be used.

4. Possible side effects
The most commonly reported side effects include:
- dizziness
- confusion
- headaches
- irritability
- aggression
- abdominal pain or discomfort
- constipation
- vomiting
- loss of appetite

Some side effects are more likely to affect children than adults. These include:
- drowsiness
- irritability
- aggression
- loss of appetite
- constipation
- vomiting
- difficulty with balance

Rare side effects include:
- skin rash
- fever
- abnormal blood test results
- liver problems

If you experience any side effects, talk to your doctor, nurse or pharmacist. They will discuss with you the benefits and risks of using Sodium Valproate Injection.

5. How to store Sodium Valproate Injection
Store the Sodium Valproate Injection at 2°C to 8°C. Do not freeze. If the Sodium Valproate Injection is frozen, do not use it. Do not use it if it has become warm or if you see that the Sodium Valproate Injection is discoloured or cloudy.

6. What to do if you have more questions
If you have any questions about Sodium Valproate Injection that you would like to ask your doctor, nurse or pharmacist, you can do so at any time during your treatment with Sodium Valproate Injection. They will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Please note: This leaflet is not a substitute for professional medical advice. It is intended to provide general information only. If you have any concerns about Sodium Valproate Injection, you should always consult your doctor, nurse or pharmacist. They will be able to provide you with the information you need to make an informed decision about whether Sodium Valproate Injection is right for you.

Body Text Ctd.
Your medication has worked and you notice that you can smell a strong, sweet, fruity odor. This is a normal response of the body to neutralize the unpleasant odor. If you experience any signs of confusion, dizziness, or feeling weak, please consult your healthcare provider immediately.

**Disodium hydrogen phosphate dodecahydrate**

**List of Excipients**

- Sodium chloride
- Phosphoric acid
- Glucose

**Injection before administration**

(see section 6.6).

For instructions on preparation and dilution of Sodium Valproate Injection, talk to your doctor or nurse.

**Side effects**

The following effects may happen:

- Feeling sick or being sick
- Headache
- Feeling restless
- Nervousness
- Insomnia
- Irregular periods

**Further possible side effects**

- Feeling very weak or getting muscle cramps
- Feeling confused or feeling sleepy
- Feeling dizzy
- Feeling like your breathing is not normal

**Notes for doctors**

- You may also have other medicines for epilepsy with Sodium Valproate Injection.
- If you have not had Sodium Valproate Injection before, the doctor, pharmacist or nurse to remind you of valproate risks in pregnancy. However, it is unlikely that it will reduce the risk of birth defects associated with valproate use.

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