The dose should be suited to the individual patient.

Diluent, particularly when the drug is administered by a continuous

4.2 Posology and Method of Administration

ill and for the relief of dyspnoea in acute pulmonary oedema.

Diamorphine may be used in the treatment of severe pain associated

Hydrochloride for reconstitution for injection.

Warnings and Precautions).

Phaeochromocytoma

Known hypersensitivity to diamorphine or morphine.

For concomitant illnesses/conditions where dose reduction may be

Renal impairment:

Chronic pain:

2.5mg to 5mg by slow intravenous

or intramuscular injection. The dose may be increased according to

injection. By slow intravenous injection, one quarter to one half the

injection. For a full list of excipients, see section 6.1.

SUMMARY OF PRODUCT CHARACTERISTICS

1. NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT

Diamorphine Hydrochloride 250mg for Injection

Diamorphine Hydrochloride 500mg for Injection

Diamorphine Hydrochloride 5mg for Injection

Diamorphine Hydrochloride 5mg for Injection

2 QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE COMPOSITION

Diamorphine Hydrochloride 25mg for Injection

- Each ampoule contains 250mg of diamorphine hydrochloride.

- Each ampoule contains 5mg of Diamorphine Hydrochloride.

- Each ampoule contains 25mg of Diamorphine Hydrochloride.

- Each ampoule contains 12.5mg of Diamorphine Hydrochloride.
Diamorphine is a potent opiate analgesic which has a more rapid onset and longer duration of action than morphine. Diamorphine is a central nervous system depressant but it has stimulant actions on the cardiovascular system and causes bronchodilation.

4  POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS

4.1 Common side effects

Diamorphine causes drowsiness and mental clouding. If affected as there is limited information available on diamorphine in breast milk.

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