Aqueous Iodine Oral Solution
(Iodine, potassium iodide)

Important information about Aqueous Iodine Oral Solution
• This medicine is taken before an operation to correct an overactive thyroid gland. The doctor will decide how much you should take and how often.

Do not take….
• For longer than 6 days before the operation unless the doctor tells you to do so. See section 3.
• If you are pregnant or breastfeeding.

Now read the rest of the leaflet before you use the medicine. It includes other information which might be especially important for you.
• Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.
• Ask your pharmacist if you need any more information or advice.
• If you notice any side effects not listed in this leaflet, please tell your doctor or pharmacist.

1. What the medicine is for
Aqueous Iodine Oral Solution is taken before an operation to correct an overactive thyroid gland. It helps reduce the risk of bleeding during the operation.

2. Before you use this medicine
Do not use the medicine if you or your child have….
• An allergy to iodine, iodides or any of the ingredients listed in section 6.
• Or you are pregnant or breastfeeding.

Talk to your doctor or pharmacist if you or your child are….
• Having tests carried out on your thyroid as this medicine may interfere with the results.

3. How to use this medicine
• The normal dose is a very small amount. The doctor will decide how much you should take at the correct time.

4. Possible side effects
Like all medicines Aqueous Iodine Oral Solution can have side effects, although these don’t affect everyone.
Allergic reactions may occur including:
• Itching.
• Blistering.
• Bleeding or bruising of the skin.
• Fever.
• Pain in the joints.
• Enlarged lymph nodes.
• An increase in the number of white blood cells in the blood.
• Cold-like symptoms.
• Headache.
• Excessive tears or irritation and inflammation in the eyes.
• Nosebleed.
• Pain or difficulty in speaking.
• Bronchitis.
• Pain in the salivary glands.

Effects on the mouth may occur including:
• Metallic taste.
• An increase in saliva.
• Burning or pain.
• Swelling and inflammation of the throat.

Other effects:
• Spots or acne-like skin eruptions.
• Depression.
• Sleeplessness.
• Impotence.
• Drowsiness or sleepiness which may contain blood.

If you notice these or any other side effect not included above, stop use and tell your doctor or pharmacist. They will tell you what to do.

Reporting of side effects
If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. You can also report side effects directly via the Yellow Card Scheme at: www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard.
By reporting side effects you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

5. Storing this medicine
• Keep it out of the sight and reach of children.
• Do not store above 25°C.
• Do not use after the expiry date shown on the pharmacist’s label.
• Medicine should not be disposed of via wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to dispose of any unused medicine. These measures will help to protect the environment.

6. Further information
What is in this medicine
The active ingredients are: iodine 5% w/v, potassium iodide 10% w/v.

The other ingredient is: purified water.

What the medicine looks like
Aqueous Iodine Oral Solution is a dark brown liquid. It is dispensed for you by the pharmacist.

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