

Patient Information Leaflet

Potassium Chloride Concentrate 20%

Important information about your medicine

- ▶ Your doctor or nurse will give you the injection
- ▶ If this injection causes you any problems talk to your doctor, nurse or pharmacist
- ▶ Please tell your doctor or pharmacist, if you have any other medical conditions or have an allergy to any of the ingredients of this medicine
- ▶ Please tell your doctor or pharmacist, if you are taking any other medicines

- **Read all of this leaflet carefully** before you start using this medicine. In some circumstances **this may not be possible** and this leaflet will be kept in a safe place should you wish to read it.
- **Keep this leaflet.** You may need to read it again
- If you have any further questions, please **ask your doctor or your pharmacist.**
- This medicine has been prescribed for you personally and you should not pass it on to others. It may harm them, even if their symptoms are the same as yours.

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1. What Potassium Chloride Concentrate 20% is and what it is used for

Potassium Chloride Concentrate 20% is a concentrated sterile solution of potassium chloride (which occurs naturally in your body). It is used to replace the loss of potassium from your body, if this cannot be achieved when given by mouth or in the diet.

2. Before you are given Potassium Chloride Concentrate 20%

You should NOT be given Potassium Chloride Concentrate 20% if you:

- are **sensitive** or **allergic** to Potassium Chloride Concentrate 20% or any of the other ingredients in this injection.
- have **high** levels of certain **chemicals** (potassium or chloride) in your **blood**.
- suffer from impaired **kidney** function (you may produce little or no **urine**).
- suffer from **Addison's disease** (a hormonal disorder where you may feel weak, lose weight and have a darkened skin).
- are very **dehydrated**.

- suffer from heat **cramps**.

Please tell your doctor or nurse before being given the injection if you:

- have any **heart** condition.

Using other medicines:

Please tell your doctor or nurse if you are taking or have recently taken any other medicines, including medicines obtained without a prescription. This is especially important with the following medicines as they may interact with your Potassium Chloride Concentrate 20%:

- **diuretics** (water tablets)
- medicines known as **ACE inhibitors** and **angiotensin II antagonists** (used to treat high blood pressure and certain heart conditions).
- **Cyclosporin**, used to depress the immune system following transplants, and in severe skin, rheumatic and bowel disorders.

Pregnancy or breast feeding:

Please tell your **doctor or nurse** before being given this injection if you are **pregnant** or **breast feeding**. The doctor will then decide if the injection is suitable for you.

Driving and using machines:

You should **not drive or use machinery** if you are **affected** by the administration of Potassium Chloride Concentrate 20%.

3. How to use Potassium Chloride Concentrate 20%

Your nurse or doctor will give you the injection.

Your doctor will decide the **correct dosage** for you and **how and when** the injection will be given.

The injection must be diluted at least 70 times before it is given to you.

Since the injection will be given to you by a doctor or nurse, it is **unlikely** that you will be given too much. **If you think you have been given too much**, you must tell the person giving you the injection.

4. Possible side effects

Like all medicines, Potassium Chloride Concentrate 20% can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them.

- pain at the **site** of injection
- inflammation of the **vein** into which the solution is being injected
- raised **blood levels of potassium**

If you think this injection is causing you **any problems**, or you are at all worried, **talk to your doctor, nurse or pharmacist**.

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 Potassium Chloride Concentrate 20%

Your injection will be stored at less than 25°C and protected from light. The nurse or doctor will check that the injection is not past its expiry date before giving you the injection.

6. Further information

What Potassium Chloride Concentrate 20% contains:

This injection contains the **active ingredient** potassium chloride. Each 1 ml of sterile solution contains 0.20 g potassium chloride in a solution for injection.

This injection contains the following **inactive ingredients**: hydrochloric acid and water for injections.

What Potassium Chloride Concentrate 20% looks like and contents of the pack:

Potassium Chloride Concentrate 20% is supplied in clear glass ampoules containing 5 ml. 10 ampoules are supplied in each carton

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