Package Leaflet: Information for the patient

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Potassium Chloride Concentrate 20%

Read all of this leaflet carefully before you start using this medicine because it contains important information for you.
- Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.
- If you have any further questions, please ask your doctor or nurse.
- If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor or nurse. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. See section 4.

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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. What you need to know before you are given Potassium Chloride Concentrate 20%

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

- are allergic to Potassium Chloride Concentrate 20% or any of the other ingredients in this medicine (listed in section 6).
- 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.

Warnings and precautions

Talk to your doctor or nurse before being given the injection if you:
- have any heart condition.

Other medicines and Potassium Chloride Concentrate 20%

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 and breast feeding

If you are pregnant or breast feeding, think you may be pregnant or are planning to have a baby, ask your doctor for advice before being given this medicine. 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
- swelling, reddening of the skin and blistering – these can be signs that the medicine has leaked outside your vein, or was accidentally injected into the tissue surrounding the vein, and could lead to death of the skin or tissue (necrosis).
- raised blood levels of potassium which can lead to sensations like numbness, tingling, pins and needles, muscle weakness, paralysis, or an abnormal or irregular heartbeat which can cause your heart to stop beating.

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 or search for MHRA Yellow Card in the Google Play or Apple App Store. By reporting side effects you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

5. How to store Potassium Chloride Concentrate 20%

Your injection will be stored at less than 25°C and protected from light. Do not use this medicine after the expiry date which is stated on the carton and ampoule. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.

6. Contents of the pack and other information

What Potassium Chloride Concentrate 20% contains

The active substance is potassium chloride. Each 1 ml of sterile solution contains 0.20 g potassium chloride in a solution for injection.

The other ingredients are 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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