The name of your medicine is Alfentanil 500 micrograms/ml solution for injection.

This is a summary of information about your medicine. It does not cover all possible uses, dose instructions, precautions, or adverse effects. This information may not relate to your specific medical condition.

1. WHAT ALFENTANIL IS AND WHAT IT IS USED FOR

Alfentanil is a medicine used to induce unconsciousness (anaesthesia) in patients who are about to undergo surgery.

2. HOW TO USE YOUR ALFENTANIL

Your doctor will carefully monitor the amount of Alfentanil you are given.

3. HOW ALFENTANIL WORKS

Alfentanil is a strong painkiller which has a fast onset and a rapid offset. It works by interacting with certain chemicals in the brain to block pain signals. This is often used to make you unconscious (anaesthetics) so that you do not feel pain during surgery or invasive procedures.

4. POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS

The effects of Alfentanil or any of these medicines may last longer if you are elderly or if you are given the medicines together.

- Medicines for putting you to sleep called 'anaesthetic agents'

- Medicines for depression called 'monoamine oxidase inhibitors'

5. HOW TO STORE ALFENTANIL

Alfentanil contains sodium for an adult.

6. CONTENTS OF THE PACK AND OTHER INFORMATION

If you have any further questions, ask your doctor or nurse.

• If you have any other medicines that you are taking, please tell your doctor or healthcare professional before you are given Alfentanil.

This leaflet has been written for patients and can be given to other people on your behalf.

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4. POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS

Like all medicines, Alfentanil can cause side effects in some patients. These may include:

- Feeling disorientated
- Cough
- Redness of the skin or rash
- Pupils of the eye much smaller than normal
- Loss of consciousness after your operation
- Fits or seizures
- Breathing can stop completely, which may be fatal
- Complications due to the procedure
- Vein pain
- Crying
- Itchy skin
- Problems urinating (urinary retention)
- General body aches and pains
- Hiccups
- Breathing faster possibly with flushing of the face
- Feeling calm and relaxed
- Feeling cold or shivering
- Feeling tired or sleepy
- Raised blood pressure
- Dizziness and fainting. These are signs of lowered blood pressure
- Muscle stiffness, which may involve your chest, neck
- Muscle weakness
- Muscle twitching
- Breathing difficulty or difficulty in breathing
- Swallowing difficulty
- Heart rate or blood pressure changes
- Feeling of warmth
- Muscle cramps
- Fast or slow heartbeat
- Feeling hot

If you are worried about any side effects or if you have any other questions, please talk to your doctor or nurse.

5. HOW TO STORE ALFENTANIL

Store out of the sight and reach of children.

6. CONTENTS OF THE PACK AND OTHER INFORMATION

What Alfentanil contains

The active substance is alfentanil hydrochloride.

Additional doses

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Your child will be given Alfentanil by a nurse or doctor as an injection. The dose given will depend on the weight of your child and the needs of the operation. The dose must be titrated up or down according to the needs of your child for the duration of the operation. This will be determined during your operation.

Dosage

The dosage of Alfentanil 500 micrograms/ml should be titrated up or down according to the needs of the individual patient. The dose must be titrated up or down according to the needs of your child for the duration of the operation. This will be determined during your operation.