

Package leaflet: Information for the patient

Sodium Chloride 0.9% w/v Injection BP

sodium chloride

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, ask your doctor, pharmacist or nurse.
- This medicine has been prescribed for you only. Do not pass it on to others. It may harm them, even if their signs of illness are the same as yours.
- If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. See section 4.

The name of your medicine is Sodium Chloride 0.9% w/v Injection BP.

In the rest of this leaflet Sodium Chloride 0.9% w/v Injection BP is called Sodium Chloride.

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1. What Sodium Chloride is and what it is used for

Sodium Chloride is a type of medicine called an electrolyte. It is a sterile salt liquid which can be used for a number of different reasons as it is very similar to your body fluids.

The main use for Sodium Chloride injection is to dissolve or dilute other medicines so they can be given as an injection or an infusion (a drip) into veins, muscles or other tissues in the body.

Sodium Chloride can also be used for preparation for a number of surgical and medical procedures as follows:

- To clean out catheters (small devices put in your vein to inject your medicine).
- As a priming solution to fill intravenous lines (long tubes which are connected to your veins).
- This is to make sure there is no air being injected such as during haemodialysis (a procedure to clean blood when you have kidney disease).
- As a priming solution at the beginning and end of blood transfusions without causing damage to the blood cells.

Sodium Chloride can also be added to other medicines such as infusions (drips) for example sugar solutions. In this case, Sodium Chloride works as an electrolyte to help keep the water levels in different parts of your body in the right balance.

2. What you need to know before you use Sodium Chloride

The doctor or nurse giving you this medicine will ask some questions about you. They need the following information before you have this medicine for the first time.

Do not use Sodium Chloride

- If you have hypernatraemia.
- If you have hyperchloraemia.

Warnings and precautions

Talk to your doctor or nurse before using Sodium Chloride, if:

- You have problems with your heart.
- You have problems with your blood pressure.
- You have problems with your kidneys.
- You have problems with sodium retention.

Please make sure you read the leaflets for all your medicines, as Sodium Chloride is sometimes added to another medicine such as to dissolve or dilute it.

Other medicines and Sodium Chloride

Tell your doctor if you are using, have recently used or might use any other medicines. Remember also any medicines you may be taking that do not need a prescription.

If you are taking any of the following medicines, it is very important to tell your doctor:

- Corticosteroids such as cortisone, hydrocortisone, prednisone, prednisolone, betamethasone.

Pregnancy and breast-feeding

Sodium Chloride is not known to cause problems during pregnancy or breast-feeding.

As Sodium Chloride is sometimes given with other medicines, it is important that:

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 taking this medicine.

Your doctor will advise you if you should have this medicine.

3. How to use Sodium Chloride

A doctor or a nurse will usually give you this medicine.

Your doctor or nurse will use the correct amount of Sodium Chloride depending on what it is being used for.

Your doctor will decide the amount (dose) of your medicine that you should receive and how long you will need to take it for.

The dose will depend on what Sodium Chloride is being used for such as to dissolve or dilute another medicine or as a priming solution.

If you use more Sodium Chloride than you should

A doctor or a nurse will usually give you this medicine. If you think you may have received too much medicine, please tell your doctor or nurse at once. As this medicine comes in a small volume (maximum 20 millilitres per container), it is unlikely that you will take too much. Sodium Chloride is sometimes given with other medicines, so make sure you read the leaflets for all your medicines.

If you forget to use Sodium Chloride

A doctor or a nurse will usually give you this medicine. If you think you have missed a dose, please tell your doctor or nurse.

If you have any further questions on the use of this medicine, ask your doctor, pharmacist or nurse.

4. Possible side effects

Like all medicines, this medicine can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them.

The expected benefit of your medicine will usually be greater than the risk of you suffering any harmful side effects.

Side effects known for Sodium Chloride when used for dissolving and diluting other medicines or when it is used as a priming solution are too much sodium in your blood, too much chloride in your blood.

Remember that you may also get side effects from the other medicines that Sodium Chloride is being used to dissolve or dilute. Make sure you read the leaflets for all your medicines.

If you notice any troublesome symptoms which you think may be side effects, please tell 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 HPRA

Pharmacovigilance, Website: www.hpra.ie.

By reporting side effects you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

5. How to store Sodium Chloride

Keep this medicine out of the sight and reach of children.

Do not use this medicine after the expiry date which is stated on the carton and the label on the plastic container (ampoule), after 'EXP'. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.

This medicine does not require any special storage conditions.

Only use your medicine if it is a clear and colourless liquid. Open it and use it straight away. Any unused product should be discarded after opening.

Do not throw away any medicines via wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to throw away medicines you no longer use. These measures will help protect the environment.

6. Contents of the pack and other information

What Sodium Chloride contains

- The active substance is Sodium Chloride.
- The other ingredient is Water for Injections.

The medicine contains 0.9% w/v (9 mg per ml) of Sodium Chloride.

What Sodium Chloride looks like and contents of the pack

Sodium Chloride is a clear, colourless liquid, free from visible particles.

Each plastic ampoule contains 5 ml (millilitres), 10 ml or 20 ml of your medicine. 5 ml ampoules come in boxes of 20 and 50 ampoules, 10 ml ampoules come in boxes of 20, 50 and 100 ampoules and 20 ml ampoules come in a box of 20 ampoules.

Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

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This medicine is authorised in the Member States of the European Economic Area under the following names:

Denmark	Natriumchlorid "Noridem", solvens til parenteral anvendelse/injektionsvæske, opløsning
Germany	Natriumchlorid Noridem 0,9 % Injektionslösung
Ireland	Sodium Chloride 0.9% w/v Injection BP
Norway	Natriumklorid Noridem 9 mg/ml injektjonsvæske, oppløsning
Portugal	Cloreto de Sódio Noridem 9 mg/ml Solução injetável
Sweden	Natriumklorid Noridem 9 mg/ml injektionsvätska, lösning
Spain	Cloruro de sodio Serracliclinics 9 mg/ml (0,9%) solución inyectable
Austria	Natriumchlorid Noridem 0,9 % Injektionslösung
Greece	SODIUM CHLORIDE/NORIDEM 0.9% w/v Διαλύτης για παρεντερική χρήση
Netherlands	Natriumchloride Noridem 0,9%, oplossing voor injectie en oplosmiddel voor parenteraal gebruik 9 mg/ml
Malta	Sodium Chloride 0.9% w/v Injection BP

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