

# Potassium Chloride, Sodium Chloride and Glucose Intravenous Infusion

## Consumer Medicine Information

### What is in this leaflet?

This leaflet answers some common questions about Potassium Chloride, Sodium Chloride and Glucose Intravenous (IV) Infusion. It does not contain all of the available information. All medicines have risks and benefits. Your doctor has weighed the risks of you using Potassium Chloride, Sodium Chloride and Glucose IV Infusion against the benefit they expect it will have for you. It does not take the place of talking to your doctor or pharmacist.

**If you have any concerns about this medicine, ask your doctor or pharmacist.**

### What Potassium Chloride, Sodium Chloride and Glucose IV Infusion is used for

Potassium Chloride, Sodium Chloride and Glucose IV Infusion is a sterile solution containing potassium chloride, sodium chloride and glucose in water for injections. It is used for replenishing fluid losses, restoration or maintenance of electrolytes (such as sodium, potassium, chloride) in the body, and as a source of energy.

### Before you are given Potassium Chloride, Sodium Chloride and Glucose IV Infusion

*When you must not be given it*

**Potassium Chloride, Sodium Chloride and Glucose IV Infusion must not be given to you if:**

- you have had an allergic reaction to corn or corn products, or any ingredient listed at the end of this leaflet. Some of the symptoms of an allergic reaction may include: rash, itching or hives on the skin; swelling of the face, lips, tongue or other parts of the body; shortness of breath, wheezing or trouble breathing.
- you have abnormally high blood levels of glucose, lactate, potassium, sodium and/or chloride.
- you have severe kidney problems (passing little or no urine), heart failure (not adequately controlled), Addison's disease, head trauma (within the last 24 hours) or recent stroke.

*Before you are given it*

**Tell your doctor if you have allergies to any other medicines, foods, preservatives or dyes.**

**Tell your doctor if you have any of the following medical conditions:**

- high blood pressure
- heart disease or disorder
- swelling of hands, ankles or feet
- build-up of fluid in the lungs
- kidney or adrenal gland problems
- dehydration, extensive tissue damage or severe burns
- sugar diabetes or impaired glucose tolerance
- vitamin B1 (thiamine) deficiency or chronic alcoholism
- metabolic acidosis (abnormal blood pH)
- infection or any other illness.

**Tell your doctor if you are pregnant or plan to become pregnant or are breastfeeding.**

Your doctor can discuss with you the risks and benefits involved.

**If you have not told your doctor about any of the above, tell them before you start being given Potassium Chloride, Sodium Chloride and Glucose IV Infusion.**

*Taking other medicines*

**Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking or have recently taken any other medicines, including any that you get without a prescription from your health food shop, supermarket or pharmacy.**

Some medicines and Potassium Chloride, Sodium Chloride and

Glucose IV Infusion may interfere with each other. These include:

- potassium sparing diuretics, such as amiloride, spironolactone, triamterene
- medicines used to prevent rejection of a transplant, such as ciclosporin, tacrolimus
- medicines used in treatment of high blood pressure/heart condition, such as angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitors, angiotensin-II receptor antagonists, or beta-blockers, digoxin
- medicines used to relieve pain, swelling and other symptoms of inflammation, including arthritis (Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs or NSAIDs)
- medicines used to treat diabetes, such as insulin, metformin
- lithium (used to treat psychiatric illnesses)
- heparin
- corticosteroids or corticotropin.

Your doctor and pharmacist have more information on medicines to be careful with or avoid while being given this medicine.

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## How Potassium Chloride, Sodium Chloride and Glucose IV Infusion is given

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### *How much is given*

Your doctor will decide how much Potassium Chloride, Sodium Chloride and Glucose IV Infusion will be used, depending on your need and condition.

### *How it is given*

Potassium Chloride, Sodium Chloride and Glucose IV Infusion will be given to you as a slow injection into one of your veins (as an intravenous infusion) by your doctor or specially trained nurse.

**Ask your doctor if you want to know more about the Potassium Chloride, Sodium Chloride and Glucose IV Infusion you receive.**

### *If you are given too much (overdose)*

As Potassium Chloride, Sodium Chloride and Glucose IV Infusion is given to you by a doctor or nurse, it is unlikely that you will be given an overdose. However, in case of an overdose, the infusion will be discontinued and another treatment may be needed. You may experience some of the effects listed under “Side effects” below.

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## While you are given Potassium Chloride, Sodium Chloride and Glucose IV Infusion

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Discuss with your doctor if there is anything that is worrying you, especially during the first few days of therapy.

Frequent clinical evaluation and laboratory tests may be required to monitor your progress.

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## Side effects

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**Tell your doctor, pharmacist or nurse as soon as possible if you do not feel well while you are being given Potassium Chloride, Sodium Chloride and Glucose IV Infusion.**

All medicines can have side effects. Sometimes they are serious, most of the time they are not. You may need medical treatment if you get some of the side effects.

Do not be alarmed by the following list of side effects. You may not experience any of them.

**Tell your doctor, nurse or pharmacist as soon as possible if you notice any of the following:**

- pain, irritation, inflammation, swelling or redness at the site of administration, or the vein (into which the solution is infused)
- fever and chills
- nausea, vomiting, or diarrhoea
- dizziness or lightheadedness
- changes in heart rate (fast, slow or irregular)
- drowsiness or confusion
- tingling or numbness of the hands or feet
- muscle weakness
- swelling of hands, ankles or feet
- increased breathing rate
- passing large amounts of urine, excessive thirst and having a dry mouth and skin.

**Tell your doctor immediately if you notice any of the following:**

- rash, itching or hives on the skin
- swelling of the face, lips, tongue or other parts of the body
- shortness of breath, wheezing or trouble breathing

These may be symptoms of an allergic reaction and urgent medical attention may be required.

**Tell your doctor, nurse or pharmacist if you notice anything that is making you feel unwell.**

Other side effects not listed above may occur in some people.

**Discuss any concerns you have with your doctor.**

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## Product description

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### *What it looks like*

Potassium Chloride, Sodium Chloride and Glucose IV Infusion is a clear, colourless or slightly yellow solution, practically free from visible particles in VIAFLEX (plastic) bags.

### *Ingredients*

Potassium Chloride, Sodium Chloride and Glucose IV Infusion

contains the following active ingredients:

- Potassium Chloride
- Sodium Chloride
- Glucose

Other ingredient includes Water for Injections.

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### *Products*

Potassium Chloride, Sodium Chloride and Glucose IV Infusion is available in the following concentrations/ volumes:

- Potassium Chloride (0.15%), Sodium Chloride (0.45%), Glucose (2.5%), 500mL (AHB1982) - AUST R 48568
- Potassium Chloride (0.15%), Sodium Chloride (0.225%), Glucose (3.75%), 500mL (AHB1981) - AUST R 48567
- Potassium Chloride (0.15%), Sodium Chloride (0.18%), Glucose (4.0%), 1000mL (AHB1704) - AUST R 48514
- Potassium Chloride (0.224%), Sodium Chloride (0.18%), Glucose (4.0%), 1000mL (AHB1224) - AUST R 19471
- Potassium Chloride (0.149%), Sodium Chloride (0.45%), Glucose (5%), 1000mL (AHB6024) - AUST R 228340
- Potassium Chloride (0.149%), Sodium Chloride (0.9%), Glucose (5%), 1000mL (AHB6066) - AUST R 228339.

### *Storage*

Potassium Chloride, Sodium Chloride and Glucose IV Infusion will be stored in the pharmacy or the hospital ward. It is recommended that the medicine is stored below 30°C.

### *Sponsor*

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