

Aminophylline Injection 250 mg in 10 ml

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 Aminophylline Injection 250 mg in 10 ml is and what it is used for

Aminophylline Injection 250 mg in 10 ml belongs to a group of medicines known as xanthines, which can stimulate breathing. It is used to treat **breathing difficulties** associated with:

- **heart failure**
- **reversible airway obstruction**, as in **acute asthma** or acute spasm of the airways (**bronchial spasm**).

2. Before you are given Aminophylline Injection 250 mg in 10 ml

You should NOT be given Aminophylline Injection 250 mg in 10 ml if you:

- Are **sensitive** or **allergic** to Aminophylline Injection ethylenediamine, theophylline, caffeine or theobromine or any of the other ingredients in this injection.
- Taking similar medicines eg **theophylline** or **Aminophylline** tablets.
- have **Porphyria** (a condition that affects your blood).

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

- have a **peptic ulcer**
- have an **overactive thyroid**
- have pressure in the eyes (known as **glaucoma**)
- are a **diabetic**
- are **epileptic**

- have **high blood pressure** or **heart disease**
- have **low blood oxygen**
- suffer from **poor circulation**
- have **heart** or **lung failure**
- have chronic **bronchitis**
- are a **smoker** or you are regularly **exposed** to tobacco **smoke**.
- have **liver** or **kidney** disease
- have an **alcohol** problem
- have **flu** or have recently had a flu **injection** or you have a **fever**.

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 Aminophylline Injection 250 mg in 10 ml:

- **Aminophylline** or **theophylline**
- **Antibiotics** (e.g. erythromycin or ciprofloxacin).
- Medicines for your **heart** (e.g. digoxin, propranolol, diltiazem)
- Medicines for the prevention of **gout** (Allopurinol and Sulfinpyrazone)
- **Disulfiram** (a medicine for an alcohol problem)
- **Oral Contraceptives**
- Medicines for **epilepsy** (e.g. carbamazepine, phenytoin)

- Medicines to thin your blood (e.g. **warfarin**)
- Any medicines that you may have bought yourself including **St John's Wort** (a medicine for **depression**) or medicines for **colds** and nasal congestion
- **Lithium** (a medicine to regulate your moods)
- **Fluvoxamine** (a medicine for depression)
- **Benzodiazepines** (e.g. diazepam)
- **Cimetidine** (a medicine for stomach ulcers)
- **Antiviral** medicines (e.g. ritonavir)
- A recent **flu vaccination**
- Medicines to treat **tuberculosis** (e.g.isoniazid, rifampicin)
- Fluconazole (a medicine to treat **fungal** infections)
- **Corticosteroids** (medicines used to treat inflammation in your body e.g. in asthma)
- **Zafirlukast** (a medicine for asthma).

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 Aminophylline Injection 250 mg in 10 ml.

3. How to use Aminophylline Injection 250 mg in 10 ml

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.

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 feel **thirsty**, have **ringing** in your **ears** or feel **palpitations** you **must tell** the person giving you the injection.

4. Possible side effects

Like all medicines, Aminophylline Injection 250 mg in 10 ml can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them. The following unwanted side effects have been reported for aminophylline injection:

- **Allergic reactions** involving rash and redness and flakiness of the **skin**
- Feeling **sick** or being sick,
- **stomach** bleeding, **heartburn** and **diarrhoea**
- **Visual** disorders, **sleeplessness**, **headache**
- **anxiety, confusion, restlessness**
- fast **breathing**

- **spinning** sensation
- **palpitations** (a sensation of your heart beating).

Your doctor will monitor your blood to see if this medicine is causing you any problems.

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

5. Storing Aminophylline Injection 250 mg in 10 ml

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 Aminophylline Injection 250 mg in 10 ml contains:

This injection contains the **active ingredient** aminophylline (theophylline - ethylenediamine) Each 1 ml of solution contains 25 mg aminophylline.

This injection contains the following **inactive ingredients**: Sterile Water for Injections

What Aminophylline Injection 250 mg in 10 ml looks like and contents of the pack:

Aminophylline Injection 250 mg in 10 ml is supplied in 10 ml clear glass ampoules. 10 ampoules supplied in each carton.

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