

Aminopyridine

Active Ingredient

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What is in this leaflet

This leaflet contains some information about your medication. It does not take the place of talking to your doctor or pharmacist. All medicines have risks and benefits. Your doctor has weighed the risks of you taking this medication against the positive benefits they expect it will have for you. **If you have any concerns about taking this medicine, please contact us again or speak with your doctor or pharmacist for more information.** Keep this leaflet with the medicine as you may need to read it again in the future.

What it is used for

This medication contains the active ingredient of Aminopyridine. Aminopyridine is used in patients with Multiple Sclerosis (MS) to improve walking. It works by stopping potassium leaving the nerve cells which have been damaged by MS and let signals pass down the nerve more normally to allow patients to walk better.

Before you take Aminopyridine

When you must NOT take it:

- If you are allergic to the active ingredient
- If the medication is expired or has not been stored correctly
- If you have a history of seizure or at a high risk of seizure
- If you have serious problems with your kidneys

Let us know if you are:

- Pregnant, planning on becoming pregnant, or breastfeeding
- Suffer from any other medical conditions or take any other medications

How to take Aminopyridine

How much to take

Please take this medication as directed by your doctor or pharmacist. Refer to the directions on the product label if required. The normal dose of Aminopyridine is

ONE capsule taken twice daily (in the morning and evening, 12 hours apart). **It is important to take the medication 12 hours apart.**

How to take it

Swallow each capsule whole, with a drink of water. Do not divide, crush, dissolve or chew the capsule as this may increase your risk of side effects.

Continue taking your medication until you finish the bottle. Your doctor will assess whether Aminopyridine is working for you with a walk test after an initial 8 weeks of treatment. If a response isn't seen your doctor will stop treatment.

If you forget to take it

If it is almost time for your next dose, skip the dose you missed and take your next dose as normal. **Do not take two doses to make up for a dose you missed.**

If you take too much (overdose)

Immediately contact your doctor, the Poisons Information Centre (telephone 13 11 26) or go to the Accident and Emergency at the nearest hospital.

How to report side effects

If you experience any adverse experiences from this medication, you should report it via:

- Visiting www.tga.gov.au/reporting-problems
- Call Adverse Medicine Events Line on 1300 134 237

If it is an EMERGENCY call the Poisons Information Centre on 13 11 26 or call 000.

Side effects

Please let us or your doctor know as soon as possible if you do not feel well while taking this medication.

Some side effects you may experience include:

- Urinary tract infection
- Headache
- Dizziness – *be careful driving or operating machinery until you know how it affects you*
- Nausea and vomiting
- Difficulty Sleeping

Tell your doctor immediately if you notice seizure – this is a rare but serious side effect, you may need urgent medical attention.

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If you experience difficulty breathing, stop taking Aminopyridine and tell your doctor immediately or go to your nearest hospital

For a full list of possible side effects please contact us.

Storage

Products expire 6 months after preparation. Keep in the original packaging until you need to take your next dose.

Store your medication in a cool, dry place that is below 25°C and away from sunlight.



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