What is in this leaflet

This leaflet answers some of the common questions people ask about Glucose Injection.

It does not contain all the information that is known about Glucose Injection. It does not take the place of talking to your doctor.

All medicines have risks and benefits. Your doctor will have weighed the risks of you taking Glucose Injection against the benefits they expect it will have for you.

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

Keep this leaflet with the medicine. You may need to read it again.

What Glucose Injection is used for

Glucose is a sugar which provides energy for the body. Glucose Injection is used to treat dehydration and low blood sugar levels.

Your doctor will have explained why you are being treated with Glucose Injection and told you what dose you will be given.

Ask your doctor if you have any questions about why this medicine has been prescribed for you.

Before you take Glucose Injection

When you must not take it

Do not use Glucose Injection if you are pregnant or breastfeeding unless your doctor says so. Ask your doctor about the risks and benefits involved.

We do not know if it is safe for you to be given it while you are pregnant. It may affect your baby if you take it early in pregnancy or in the last weeks before your baby is due.

Do not take Glucose Injection if you have an allergy to:
• Any ingredient listed at the end of this leaflet.
• Corn (maize) or corn substances
• Any similar medicines to Glucose Injection.

Some symptoms of an allergic reaction may include:
• Shortness of breath.
• Wheezing or difficulty breathing.
• Swelling of the face, lips, tongue or other parts of the body.
• Skin rash, itching or hives.

Do not take Glucose Injection if you have, or have had, any of the following medical conditions:
• Diabetes
• Difficulty digesting sugar
• Difficulty producing urine
• Vitamin B1 deficiency
• Bleeding within the head
• Low blood potassium, magnesium or phosphorous
• Infections

It may not be safe for you to be given Glucose Injection if you have any of these conditions.

Glucose Injection should be given with caution to infants of diabetic mothers.

Do not take Glucose Injection after the expiry date printed on the pack, or if the packaging is torn or shows signs of tampering.

It may have no effect at all, or worse, an entirely unexpected effect if you are given it after the expiry date has passed.

Before you start to take it

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

Taking Other Medicines

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking any other medicines, including any that you buy without a prescription from your pharmacy, supermarket or health food shop that includes:
• Corticosteroids
• Alcohol
• Corticotropin

Your doctor or pharmacist will have more information on medicines to be careful with or avoid while taking Glucose Injection.
How to take Glucose Injection

Glucose Injection will be given to you by your doctor or specially trained nurse by infusion or drip into the vein.

This allows the Glucose Injection to reach the body quickly, where it will treat dehydration and low blood sugar levels.

How much to take

The dosage you will be given will depend on your age, weight, medical condition and response. Your doctor will have had a lot of experience in injecting Glucose Injection and will choose the best dose for you.

If you take too much (Overdose)

The doctor giving you Glucose Injection will be experienced in its use, so it is unlikely that you will be given an overdose. However, if you are particular sensitive to Glucose Injection you may become confused or dehydrated.

Contact the Poisons Information Centre for any further information.

While you are taking Glucose Injection

Frequent clinical evaluation and laboratory tests may be required as Glucose Injection is normally given in a hospital. Your doctor or nurse will make appropriate records during your treatment and will note any unexpected effects you may experience.

Side Effects

Tell your doctor or pharmacist as soon as possible if you do not feel well while you are taking Glucose Injection.

All medicines can have some unwanted 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.

Ask your doctor or pharmacist to answer any questions you may have.

The following is a list of possible side effects. Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you notice any of the following and they worry you:

- Flushing
- Swelling

Do not be alarmed by this list. You may not experience any of them.

Inflammation at the site of injection, or swelling of your veins near the site of injection is also possible.

After Using Glucose Injection

Storage

Glucose Injection will be stored by your doctor or pharmacist under the recommended conditions of store below 25°C for the Freeflex bags and store below 30°C for the bottles.

Disposal

Any Glucose Injection which is not used and which is left in the container, will be disposed of in a safe manner by your doctor or pharmacist.

Product description

What it looks like

Glucose Injection is a clear and colourless solution.

Ingredients

Glucose Injection contains glucose and water for injections.

Supplier

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Bottle
Glucose 5% 500mL - AUST R 118485
Glucose 5% 1000mL - AUST R 118486
Glucose 10% 500mL - AUST R 118487

Freeflex Bags
Glucose 5% 500mL - AUST R 29599
Glucose 5% 1000mL - AUST R 47389
Glucose 10% 500mL - AUST R 29790

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