Abciximab injection
MEDICATION GUIDE

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What is this medicine?
ABCIXIMAB (ab SIX i mab) prevents blood clots during episodes of chest pain or a heart attack. It may be used during heart surgery.

This medicine may be used for other purposes; ask your health care provider or pharmacist if you have questions.

How should I use this medicine?
The medicine is for injection or infusion into a vein. It is given by a health care professional in a hospital or clinic setting.
Talk to your pediatrician regarding the use of this medicine in children. Special care may be needed.

Overdosage: If you think you have taken too much of this medicine contact a poison control center or emergency room at once.

NOTE: This medicine is only for you. Do not share this medicine with others.

What if I miss a dose?
This does not apply.

What should I tell my health care provider before I take this medicine?
They need to know if you have any of these conditions:
• Bleeding problems or blood disorders
• Brain tumor or aneurysm
• High blood pressure
• Previous stroke
• Recent injury or surgery
• Took a drug to prevent blood clots like warfarin in the past week
• Vasculitis
• An unusual or allergic reaction to abciximab, mouse or human proteins, other medicines, foods, dyes, or preservatives
• Pregnant or trying to get pregnant
• Breast-feeding

What may interact with this medicine?
• Aspirin and aspirin-like drugs
• Clopidogrel
• Dipyridamole
• Herbal products containing feverfew, garlic, ginger, ginkgo, or horse chestnut
• Medicines that break up blood clots like alteplase, reteplase, streptokinase, and urokinase
• Medicines that treat or prevent blood clots like warfarin, enoxaparin, dalteparin, tinzaparin, argatroban, bivalirudin, and lepirudin
• NSAIDs, medicines for pain and inflammation, like ibuprofen or naproxen
• Ticlopidine

This list may not describe all possible interactions. Give your health care provider a list of all the medicines, herbs, non-prescription drugs, or dietary supplements you use. Also tell them if you smoke, drink alcohol, or use illegal drugs. Some items may interact with your medicine.

What side effects may I notice from receiving this medicine?
Side effects that you should report to your doctor or health care professional as soon as possible:
• Allergic reactions like skin rash, itching or hives, swelling of the face, lips, or tongue
• Breathing problems
• Chest pain
• Unusual bleeding or bruising

Side effects that usually do not require medical attention [report to your doctor or health care professional if they continue or are bothersome]:
• Back pain
• Dizziness
• Headache
• Nausea
• Stomach pain

This list may not describe all possible side effects. Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

What should I watch for while using this medicine?
Your condition will be monitored carefully while you are receiving this medicine.

Where should I keep my medicine?
This drug is given in a hospital or clinic and will not be stored at home.

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