What is this medicine?

Magnesium Sulfate; Potassium Sulfate; Sodium Sulfate (mag NEE zee um SUL fate; poe TASS i um SUL fate; SODIUM SUL fate) is a laxative. It is used to clean out the bowel before a colonoscopy.

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?

Take this medicine by mouth. Follow the directions on the prescription label. Take all of your medicine as directed. Do not skip a dose or stop your medicine early. Avoid taking other medicines within 1 hour of this medicine.

You will need to follow a special diet before your procedure. Talk to your doctor.

A special MedGuide will be given to you by the pharmacist with each prescription and refill. Be sure to read this information carefully each time.

Talk to your pediatrician regarding the use of this medicine in children. Special care may be needed.

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

What may interact with this medicine?

• Arsenic trioxide
• Bupropion
• Certain medicines for blood pressure, heart disease, irregular heart beat
• Certain medicines used for nausea like chlorpromazine, droperidol
• Certain medicines used to treat infections like chloroquine, clarithromycin, erythromycin, pentamidine
• Diuretics
• Medicines for mental depression or psychiatric disturbances
• Medicines for seizures
• Methadone
• NSAIDS, medicines for pain and inflammation like ibuprofen or naproxen
• Other laxatives
• Theophylline or aminophylline

What if I miss a dose?

This does not apply; this medicine is not for regular use.

What should I tell my health care provider before I take this medicine?

They need to know if you have any of these conditions:

• Dehydration
• Gout
• Heart disease
• High or low levels of calcium, magnesium, potassium, or sodium in the blood
• Irregular heartbeat
• Kidney disease
• Seizures
• Stomach or intestines problems
• Trouble swallowing
• An unusual or allergic reaction to magnesium sulfate; potassium sulfate; sodium sulfate, other medicines, dyes, or preservatives
• Pregnant or trying to get pregnant
• Breast-feeding

NOTE: This medicine is only for you. Do not share this medicine with others.
• Tramadol
Avoid taking other medicines within 1 hour of taking this medicine.

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
• Fast or irregular heartbeat
• Feeling faint or lightheaded, falls
• Seizures
• Trouble passing urine or change in the amount of urine
• Symptoms of gout

Side effects that usually do not require medical attention (Report these to your doctor or health care professional if they continue or are bothersome.):

• Bloating
• Headache
• Nausea, vomiting
• 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?

Talk to your doctor if you are not able to complete the regimen as prescribed.

Do not use with any other laxatives. Drink fluids as directed to prevent dehydration. See your doctor right away if you do not have a bowel movement after using this medicine.

Where should I keep my medicine?

Keep out of the reach of children.

Store at room temperature between 15 and 30 degrees C (59 and 86 degrees F). Throw away any unused medicine after the expiration date.

NOTE: This sheet is a summary. It may not cover all possible information. If you have questions about this medicine, talk to your doctor, pharmacist, or health care provider.