Methohexital injection
MEDICATION GUIDE

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.

What is this medicine?

METHOHEXITAL [meth oh HEK si tal] is an anesthetic. It is used to cause relaxation and sleep before or during surgery. It does not relieve pain.

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?

This medicine is for infusion into a vein or injection into a muscle. This medicine can be diluted and prepared as an enema to be given rectally. 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. While this drug may be prescribed for children as young as 1 month old for selected conditions, precautions do apply.

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:

- Heart disease
- Liver disease
- Porphyria
- Seizures
- An unusual or allergic reaction to methohexital, other barbiturates, other medicines, foods, dyes, or preservatives
- Pregnant or trying to get pregnant
- Breast-feeding

What may interact with this medicine?

Do not take this medicine with any of the following medications:

- MAOIs like Carbex, Eldepryl, Marplan, Nardil, and Parnate
- St. John’s wort
- Voriconazole

This medicine may also interact with the following medications:

- Alcohol
- Ethyl alcohol
- Levodopa
- Medicines for seizures like phenobarbital
- Medicines for sleep
- Medicines that treat or prevent blood clots like warfarin, enoxaparin, and dalteparin
- Narcotic medicines for pain
- Propylene glycol
- Steroid medicines like prednisone or cortisone

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
- Fast, irregular heartbeat
- Feeling faint or lightheaded, falls
- Low blood pressure
- Muscle twitch
Numbness or tingling in the hands or feet
• Pain at site where injected
• Seizures

Side effects that usually do not require medical attention (report to your doctor or health care professional if they continue or are bothersome):
• Anxiety or confusion
• Coughing
• Headache
• Hiccups
• Nausea, vomiting

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.

You may get drowsy or dizzy. Do not drive for at least 8 to 12 hours after you are treated with this medicine. Do not use machinery, or do anything that needs mental alertness until you know how this medicine affects you. Do not stand or sit up quickly, especially if you are an older patient. This reduces the risk of dizzy or fainting spells. Alcohol may interfere with the effect of this medicine. Avoid alcoholic drinks.

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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