

NALOXONE SXP

naloxone hydrochloride dihydrate

Consumer Medicine Information

This leaflet provides important information about using NALOXONE SXP. **You should also speak to your doctor or pharmacist if you would like further information or if you have any concerns or questions about being given NALOXONE SXP.**

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1. Why am I being given NALOXONE SXP?

NALOXONE SXP contains the active ingredient naloxone hydrochloride dihydrate. NALOXONE SXP is a medicine which, when injected, reverses the effect of opium-like substances such as morphine, heroin and codeine.

NALOXONE SXP is used after surgical operations when powerful pain killers which have been given during an operation and are no longer required.

As NALOXONE SXP acts very quickly, within one or two minutes when injected into a vein, it can also be used as a lifesaving measure in those people who have received an overdose of an opioid-like drug.

2. What should I know before I am given NALOXONE SXP?

Warnings

You must not be given NALOXONE SXP if:

- you are allergic to naloxone, or any of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet.
Always check the ingredients to make sure you can be given this medicine. Symptoms of an allergic reaction to naloxone may include: shortness of breath, wheezing or difficulty breathing, swelling of the face, lips, tongue or other parts of the body, rash, itching or hives on the skin.

Check with your doctor if you:

- have any other medical conditions
- take any medicines for any other condition
- you allergies to any other medicines, or other substances, such as foods, preservatives or dyes.

During treatment, you may be at risk of developing certain side effects. It is important you understand these risks and how to monitor for them. See additional information under Section 6. Are there any side effects?

Pregnancy and breastfeeding

Check with your doctor if you are pregnant or intend to become pregnant. Your doctor will discuss the possible risks and benefits of

being given NALOXONE SXP Injection during pregnancy.

Talk to your doctor if you are breastfeeding or intend to breastfeed. Your doctor will discuss the possible risks and benefits of being given NALOXONE SXP Injection during breast-feeding. It is not known whether passes into breast milk.

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you have or have had any medical conditions, especially the following:

- heart disease
- lung disease
- drug addiction
- kidney disease
- liver disease.

If you have not told your doctor or pharmacist about any of the above, tell them before you are given NALOXONE SXP Injection.

3. What if I am taking other medicines?

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking any other medicines, including any medicines, vitamins or supplements that you buy without a prescription from your pharmacy, supermarket or health food shop.

Some medicines may interfere with NALOXONE SXP and affect how it works.

These include:

- pain killers
- cough and cold remedies
- heart or blood pressure medication

These medicines maybe affected by naloxone or may affect how well it works. You may need different amounts of your medicine or you may need to take or use different medicines. Your doctor or pharmacist will advise you.

Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure about what medicines, vitamins or supplements you are taking and if these affect NALOXONE SXP.