

# AMANTAMED

amantadine hydrochloride

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## Consumer Medicine Information

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

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### 1. Why am I using AMANTAMED?

**AMANTAMED contains the active ingredient amantadine hydrochloride.**

AMANTAMED is in a class of medications called adamantanes.

**AMANTAMED is used to:**

1. **To treat the symptoms of Parkinson's disease**

#### **Parkinson's Disease**

Parkinson's Disease is caused by a disturbance in the balance of two substances, dopamine and acetylcholine, that the brain uses to send signals to other parts of the body.

AMANTAMED helps to fix the imbalance of too little dopamine and/or too much acetylcholine; and to relieve the symptoms, such as shaking of the limbs, stiffness and slowness of movement which make it difficult to perform usual tasks. AMANTAMED can be used alone or with other medicines to treat this condition.

2. **To prevent a type of influenza ("the flu") caused by**

#### **Type A influenza virus.**

AMANTAMED is usually used for people who could become very ill if they get the flu infections (for example, people who have a serious illness such as lung disease or diabetes). Usually these people will have been vaccinated (had a flu shot). But if, for some reason, they have not been vaccinated, AMANTAMED can be given.

AMANTAMED is only used to prevent Type A influenza. It will not help once you have the flu. This medicine cannot prevent or treat colds, other types of flu not caused by Type A virus, or other viral infections.

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