

Consumer Medicine Information

What is in this leaflet

This leaflet answers some common questions about Water for Injection. It does not contain all the available information. It does not take the place of talking to your doctor.

All medicines have risks and benefits. Your doctor has weighed the risks of using Water for Injection in your treatment.

If you have any concerns about being given Water for Injection, ask your doctor or your healthcare professional.

Keep this leaflet in a safe place. You may need to read it again.

What Water for Injection is used for

Water for Injection is sterile water used to dissolve or dilute other medicines before they are given to you.

Water for Injection can also be used as a sterile washing solution.

Ask your doctor if you have any questions about why Water for Injection has been prescribed for you.

Your doctor may have prescribed it for another reason.

Before you are given Water for Injection

When it must not be given

Water for Injection should be used to dissolve or dilute other agents or used as a sterile washing solution. It should not be injected directly into the body.

Water for Injection should not be used if the solution is discoloured, cloudy, turbid, or particles are present. The solution is normally a clear, colourless liquid.

Water for Injection should not be used if, when diluted with another solution, it causes the solution to precipitate, become cloudy, turbid, discolour, or form visible particles.

The doctor or nurse will check to ensure Water for Injection is not past its expiry date and has not been tampered with.

If you are not sure whether you should be given Water for Injection, talk to your doctor.

Before you are given it

Tell your doctor if you have allergies to any other medicines, foods, preservatives or dyes.

Tell your doctor if you have or have had any medical conditions.

Tell your doctor if you are pregnant or plan to become pregnant or are breast-feeding. If you have not told your doctor about any of the above, tell them before you are given this medicine.

Taking other medicines

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

Your doctor has more information on medicines to be careful with, or avoid, while Water for Injection is being used.

How Water for Injection is used

Water for Injection must only be given by a doctor or a healthcare professional.

How it is given

Water for Injection is used to dissolve or dilute other medicines which may then be injected either into a vein, into a muscle or under the skin. This will be done by your doctor or healthcare professional.

Water for Injection is also used as a sterile washing solution, so there is no dosage limitation with this product as normally applied to other medicines.

Your health professionals know how much washing solution should be used for your treatment.

If you are given too much (overdose)

Water for Injection must only be given by a doctor or a healthcare professional so an overdose is not likely to occur.

Water for Injection should be used to dissolve or dilute other agents or used as a sterile washing solution. It should not be injected directly into the body. If large volumes of Water for Injection are injected directly into the body the following symptoms may occur:

- red, red-brown, or brownish urine
- tiredness, pale skin
- a decrease in the amount of urine produced
- pain or redness at the injection site.

Side effects

Tell your doctor or a healthcare professional as soon as possible if you do not feel well while you are being given Water for Injection.

Water for Injection should not cause any side effects if it is used to dissolve or dilute medicines for injection or for sterile washing.

After being given Water for Injection

Storage

Water for Injection will be stored in the surgery, pharmacy or ward of a hospital. The injection is kept in a cool dry place where the temperature stays below 30°C.

Water for Injection will only be opened when it is time for it to be used for you.

Product description

What it looks like

Water for Injection is a clear, colourless solution in a clear glass vial with a plastic top.

Water for Injection is available in a 50 mL vial.

Water for Injection is available in a 100 mL vial.

Ingredients

Water for Injection contains sterile water only.

This medicine does not contain lactose, sucrose, gluten, tartrazine, alcohol, dyes or preservatives.

Manufacturer

Water for Injection is made in Australia by:

**Phebra Pty Ltd
19 Orion Road
Lane Cove West, NSW 2066
Australia**

Water for Injection 50 mL vial

AUST R 48353

Phebra product code: INJ075

This product is currently not available.

Water for Injection 100 mL vial

AUST R 48354

Phebra product code: INJ077

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