**PATIENT INFORMATION LEAFLET**

**SCHEDULING STATUS**

**S4**

**PROPRIETARY NAME AND DOSAGE FORM**

**MIVACRON 5**

Intravenous injection

**Read all of this leaflet carefully before you are given MIVACRON 5**

- Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.
- If you have further questions, please ask your doctor or your pharmacist.
- MIVACRON 5 has been prescribed for you personally and you should not share your medicine with other people. It may harm them, even if their symptoms are the same as yours.

**WHAT MIVACRON 5 CONTAINS**

The active ingredient is mivacurium chloride. Each 1 ml of MIVACRON 5 contains 2 mg of mivacurium as mivacurium chloride.

The other ingredient is water for injection.

Sugar free

**WHAT MIVACRON 5 IS USED FOR**

MIVACRON 5 belongs to a group of medicines called muscle relaxants.

It is used to relax muscles during a wide range of surgical operations. It may also be used to ease the insertion of a tube into your windpipe, should you require mechanical assistance to breathe.

## BEFORE YOU ARE GIVEN MIVACRON 5

### You should not be given MIVACRON 5

- If you have had an allergy (rash, itching, shortness of breath) or bad reaction to mivacurium, the other ingredient in MIVACRON 5, or any other muscle relaxant such as suxamethonium.
- If you or anyone in your family have abnormal plasma cholinesterase activity (a natural body chemical in your blood).

### Take special care with MIVACRON 5

MIVACRON 5 is given under carefully controlled (and often emergency) conditions by an experienced doctor. It must be used with special care in certain situations.

If possible, please tell your doctor if you know you are suffering from or have had any of the following before you are given your injection:

- Muscle weakness, tiredness or difficulty in coordinating your movements (myasthenia gravis);
- liver or kidney disease;
- cancer;
- heart disease or low blood pressure;
- low blood volume that could make you sensitive to a drop in blood pressure;
- obesity;
- any long-standing illness which has left you weak;
- asthma;

- hay fever or allergies which give you a rash, itching or shortness of breath;
- a severe burn which required medical attention within the last two or three months;
- a muscle wasting disease, paralysis, motor neurone disease or cerebral palsy;
- severe electrolyte or blood acid base abnormalities (changes to the body's normal blood levels of certain chemicals);
- if you or anyone in your family ever reacted badly to an anaesthetic (for example, the anaesthetic effect lasting an unexpectedly long time). You or your relative may have been given a card stating that this has happened in the past.

**Pregnancy and breastfeeding**

The safe use of MIVACRON 5 during pregnancy and while you are breastfeeding your baby has not been established.

Always tell your healthcare provider if you are taking any other medicine. If you are pregnant or breastfeeding your baby, please consult your healthcare provider for advice before receiving MIVACRON 5.

**Taking other medicines with MIVACRON 5**

Always tell your healthcare provider if you are taking any other medicine (this includes complementary or traditional medicines).

It is important to let your doctor know if you are taking any of the following medicines BEFORE you are given your injection (please check with your doctor if you are not sure):

- Antibiotics;
- medicines used to treat disturbances in heartbeat rhythm;
- medicines used to treat high blood pressure (beta-blockers);
- medicines to help you lose body fluid (diuretics);

- ecothiopate iodide eye drops (to treat glaucoma: a loss of vision due to pressure in the eye);
- certain hormones (check with your doctor);
- bambuterol (to treat asthma);
- other muscle relaxants such as pancuronium and suxamethonium;
- medicines for arthritis or myasthenia gravis;
- steroids;
- medicines used to treat severe mental illness (medicines such as chlorpromazine);
- monoamine oxidase inhibitors (to treat depression);
- lithium (to treat mood disorders);
- phenytoin (an anti-epileptic medicine);
- medicines containing magnesium (such as those used to treat indigestion and heart burn, etc.);
- medicines used to treat cancer;
- MIVACRON 5 may be affected by some anaesthetics and other medicines used during operations. This will have been taken account of before you are given MIVACRON 5.

Have you been in contact with certain insecticides, called organophosphorus insecticides? If so, tell your doctor.

**HOW TO RECEIVE MIVACRON 5**

You will not be expected to give yourself MIVACRON 5. It will be given to you by a person who is qualified to do so.

MIVACRON 5 must only be given under carefully controlled conditions by or under the supervision of an experienced doctor who is familiar with the use and action of muscle relaxants.

Your doctor will decide on a dose and duration of MIVACRON 5 therapy which is right for your operation.

The dose of MIVACRON 5 is based on your body weight in kilograms, the amount and length of time of muscle relaxation wanted, your expected response to the medicine and whether it is given by injection or infusion.

**POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS**

Side effects which may happen during or after the operation:

- An itchy rash or redness of the skin;
- reduction in blood pressure, increase in heart rate and difficulty in breathing - if these effects occur they will be controlled and monitored by your doctor during the operation.

Anaphylactic or anaphylactoid reactions (a severe type of allergic reaction) have been reported in patients receiving MIVACRON 5 at the same time as one or more anaesthetic medicines.

Tell your doctor if you notice any side effects from your medicine, even if they are not mentioned here.

Not all side effects reported for MIVACRON 5 are included in this leaflet. Should your general health worsen or if you experience any untoward effects while receiving MIVACRON 5, please consult your healthcare provider for advice.

**STORING AND DISPOSING OF MIVACRON 5**

Store between 2 °C to 8 °C.

Protect from light.

Do not freeze.

Keep in original packaging until required for use.

Do not store in a bathroom.

Do not use after the expiry date stated on the label.

Return all unused medicine to your pharmacist.

Do not dispose of unused medicine in drains or sewerage systems (e.g. toilets).

**STORE ALL MEDICINES OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN.**

**PRESENTATION OF MIVACRON 5**

1 x 5 ml clear, colourless glass ampoule. 5 ampoules are packed into an expanded plastic nest and placed into a unit cardboard carton.

**IDENTIFICATION OF MIVACRON 5**

A clear solution practically free from particles.

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