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Drug name

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How Taken

Use Antivert as directed by your doctor.

- For prevention of motion sickness, take Antivert at least 1 hour before activity or travel.
- Take Antivert by mouth with or without food.
- Use Antivert exactly as directed on the package, unless instructed differently by your doctor. If you are taking Antivert without a prescription, follow any warnings and precautions on the label.

Ask your health care provider any questions you may have about how to use Antivert.

Drug Class and Mechanism

Antivert is an anticholinergic. It works by blocking a chemical messenger in the brain, which helps to reduce or prevent vomiting.

Missed Dose

If you miss a dose of Antivert and are using it regularly, take it as soon as possible. If it is almost time for your next dose, skip the missed dose and go back to your regular dosing schedule. Do not take 2 doses at once.

Storage

Store Antivert between 68 and 77 degrees F (20 and 25 degrees C). Brief storage at temperatures between 59 and 86 degrees F (15 and 30 degrees C) is permitted. Store away from heat, moisture, and light. Do not store in the bathroom. Keep Antivert out of the reach of children and away from pets.

Warnings Precautions

Do not use Antivert if:

- you are allergic to any ingredient in Antivert;
- you are taking sodium oxybate (GHB).

Contact your doctor or health care provider right away if any of these apply to you.

Important :

- Antivert may cause drowsiness or blurred vision. This effect may be worse if you take it with alcohol or certain medicines. Use Antivert with caution. Do not drive or perform other possibly unsafe tasks until you know how you react to it.
- Do not drink alcohol or use medicines that may cause drowsiness (e.g., sleep aids, muscle relaxers) while you are using Antivert; it may add to their effects. Ask your pharmacist if you have questions about which medicines may cause drowsiness.
- This product may contain tartrazine dye. This may cause an allergic reaction in some patients. If you have ever had an allergic reaction to tartrazine, ask your pharmacist if your product has tartrazine in it.
- Antivert should not be used in children younger than 12 years old; safety and effectiveness in these children have not been confirmed.
- Pregnancy and breast-feeding: If you become pregnant, contact your doctor. You will need to discuss the benefits and risks of using Antivert while you are pregnant. It is not known if Antivert is found in breast milk. If you are or will be breast-feeding while you use Antivert, check with your doctor. Discuss any possible risks to your baby.

Possible Side Effects

Check with your doctor if any of these most common side effects persist or become bothersome:

- drowsiness; dry mouth.

Seek medical attention right away if any of these severe side effects occur:

- severe allergic reactions (rash; hives; itching; difficulty breathing; tightness in the chest; swelling of the mouth, face, lips, or tongue).

More Information

If you have any questions about Antivert, please talk with your doctor, pharmacist, or other health care provider. Antivert is to be used only by the patient for whom it is prescribed. Do not share it with other people.

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