

DOCTORS FOSTER^{and}SMITH[®] PHARMACY

Patient Information Sheet

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Metoclopramide

(Reglan)

Common Drug Name

Metoclopramide

Common Brand Names

Reglan

Generic products are available.

Storage

Store at room temperature in a tight, light resistant, childproof container.

Uses

Metoclopramide is used to prevent vomiting and esophageal reflux (stomach acid backing up into the esophagus) in many animal species. It may aid in the treatment of hairballs in rabbits. It is also used to prevent side effects, such as vomiting, resulting from chemotherapy.

Dose and Administration

Always follow the dosage instructions provided by your veterinarian. If you have difficulty giving the medication, contact your veterinarian.

If you miss a dose, give it as soon as you remember. If it is almost time for the next dose, skip the one you missed and go back to the regular schedule. Do not give 2 doses at once.

This medication should only be given to the pet for whom it was prescribed.

Possible Side Effects

The most common side effect is

constipation. May also see behavior and attitude changes such as disorientation and frenzy. Consult your veterinarian if you notice any of the above side effects.

If your pet experiences an allergic reaction to the medication, signs may include facial swelling, hives, scratching, sudden onset of diarrhea, vomiting, shock, seizures, pale gums, cold limbs, or coma. If you observe any of these signs, contact your veterinarian immediately.

Precautions

Not for use in animals hypersensitive (allergic) to metoclopramide.

Do not use in an animal who has a stomach or intestinal blockage, or bleeding into the stomach.

Do not use in an animal with a history of seizures. Metoclopramide could cause seizures.

Do not use in an animal with an adrenal tumor called a pheochromocytoma. It could result in a potentially fatal increase in blood pressure.

Use with caution in pregnant or lactating animals (female animals nursing their young). Metoclopramide can cross the placenta and enter the milk.

Consult with your veterinarian regarding physical examinations and laboratory testing necessary prior to and during treatment with metoclopramide.

Human Precautions

NOTE: Since metoclopramide is chemically very similar to PABA, the sunscreen agent, it should not be handled by people allergic to PABA.

Drug, Food and Test Interactions

Consult your veterinarian before using metoclopramide with any other medications, including vitamins and supplements, since interactions may occur.

Because metoclopramide increases the movement of stomach and intestinal contents, it can affect the absorption of many oral drugs.

Metoclopramide may change the insulin requirements of diabetic animals.

Sedatives and tranquilizers may increase the chance of behavior and attitude changes caused by metoclopramide.

Signs of Toxicity/Overdose

May see sleepiness, staggering, agitation, seizures, vomiting, and constipation.

If you know or suspect your pet has had an overdose, or if you observe any of these signs in your pet, contact your veterinarian immediately.

Keep this and all other medications out of the reach of children and pets.