

Apomorphine

Medication:

This compounded prescription you have received contains: apomorphine. Apomorphine is a potent agonist of dopamine.

Uses:

This medication is used in the treatment of Parkinson's disease ("off" episodes), and as an emetic in animals. It has also been used for erectile dysfunction (unlabeled FDA indication).

Directions:

Tablets are very small, about 1/8" height, make sure two tablets are not stuck together. Take only as directed by your physician. Drink a small amount of water before taking the tablet to optimize dissolution. Place the tablet under the tongue. It may take 20 minutes to dissolve. After 20 minutes, swallow any residual tablet.

Side Effects:

The main side effects are nausea, vomiting, drowsiness, and yawning. Other side effects include decrease in blood pressure, fainting, dizziness, hot flashes, and sweating. If you experience any lightheadedness, dizziness or sweating, lie down and raise your legs until symptoms resolve. Contact your physician should these side effects persist or worsen.

Precautions:

Includes heart medications (particularly those for hypertension) and other dopamine agonists such as bromocriptine, hydergine, deprenyl and L-Dopa. Consult with your physician prior to starting the apomorphine if you are on any of these medications.

Missed Dose:

This medications is only taken as needed. Dosing adjustment may be necessary if stopped for more than one week.

Storage:

Store at controlled room temperature and in original container. Keep away from heat and out of reach of children.