

## **Thyroid, USP**

### **Medication:**

This compounded prescription contains a natural thyroid (T<sub>3</sub>: triiodothyronine and T<sub>4</sub>: thyroxine). This medication is derived from porcine (pig) thyroid glands.

### **Uses:**

This medication is used as a replacement or supplemental therapy in patients with hypothyroidism.

### **Directions:**

Use this medication as directed by your physician. Try to take this medication as close to the same time every day.

### **Side Effects:**

Side effects are rare unless too much thyroid hormone (overdose) either initially or during the maintenance period. Contact your physician if you experience chest pain, increased pulse rate, palpitations, excessive sweating, heat intolerance, or any other unusual event, as this may be a sign of thyroid hormone toxicity.

### **Drug Interactions:**

Thyroid hormone may affect clotting factors. Patients on anticoagulants should be watched closely. Thyroid replacement may also increase insulin or hypoglycemic medication requirements. Cholestyramine, colestipol, or calcium supplements may bind with thyroid medication and should not be taken within 2-4 hours of each other.

### **Missed Dose:**

It is important to take each dose as directed. If you miss a dose, take next dose as soon as possible. If almost time for the next dose, skip the missed dose and return to your regular schedule. Do not take a double dose or extra doses to catch up. DO NOT stop or change the dose of the medication without first consulting your healthcare provider.

### **Storage:**

Store at room temperature. Keep away from moisture (i.e. bathroom or kitchen) and light. Keep out of reach of children.