

Targocid(R) IM/IV

Teicoplanin for Injection

Consumer Medicine Information

Please read this leaflet very carefully before you use this medicine, even if you have used this medicine before.

Identification

What is in this medicine?

Targocid injection is presented in a glass vial as a white powder which your doctor, pharmacist or nurse will mix with the ampoule of sterile water, included in the pack. A clear solution is formed when the powder is mixed with the water. The active ingredient in Targocid injection is teicoplanin. Each vial of Targocid injection contains 400 mg teicoplanin. The glass vial also contains an inactive ingredient, sodium chloride which is included to minimise stinging and pain when the injection is administered. There are no dyes, gluten or preservatives in Targocid injection.

What is it used for and how does it work?

Targocid injection is an antibiotic. It is used to kill bacteria responsible for infections which can occur in your blood, bones or joints. This antibiotic is generally used when the bacteria causing the infection are not satisfactorily eliminated by other antibiotics (eg penicillin) or when patients may be allergic to other antibiotics.

Checklist before using this medicine

You should not be given this medicine if you have ever been exposed to this medicine before and it caused a reaction.

Tell your doctor, pharmacist or nurse if:

- * you are, or might be pregnant
- * you are breast feeding
- * you are taking other medications
- * you have ever had a reaction to any other antibiotic (especially an antibiotic called vancomycin, also known as Vancocin(R) or Vancoled(R))
- * you now have, or have had in the past, kidney problems.

If you are receiving Targocid and are also receiving, or have recently received, any of the following drugs which may have the potential to affect your hearing or your kidneys, your doctor may wish to perform tests to check whether your hearing or your kidneys are being affected. These drugs include aminoglycoside antibiotics, amphotericin, cyclosporin, cisplatin, frusemide and ethacrynic acid.

How this medicine should be used

Targocid injection should be prepared and administered by a qualified health professional (Doctor or Nurse).

The vial of Targocid powder should be mixed carefully with the sterile water, which is included in the pack, to form a clear solution.

The solution may be injected into a vein directly over about 5 minutes, or it may be mixed with other sterile solutions and delivered into a vein from a 'drip' bottle or bag over about 30 minutes.

Targocid solution may also be injected directly into a muscle.

On the first day of treatment most patients generally receive two doses of Targocid, 12 hours apart. During the following days, most patients receive one dose each day. After the first day, the daily dose varies between 6 mg and 12 mg for each kilogram of body weight, depending on the type of infection. An adult of normal weight (around 70 kg) would therefore receive a single daily dose of between 400 mg and 800 mg.

If you have an infection in your blood, you will probably need to receive a daily injection of Targocid for 2 to 4 weeks. If you have an infection in any bones or joints, you may require a daily injection of Targocid for 3 to 6 weeks.

Patients with kidney problems may need lower doses (or doses less often) than other patients. Your doctor can calculate how much Targocid you require if you have kidney problems.

Further information

This medicine is only available by doctor's prescription.

Unwanted effects

All medicines can cause unwanted effects and these may occur with the normal use of Targocid injection. Some patients who have received Targocid injection have experienced reactions; the more common reactions include fever, rashes, nausea, vomiting, stiffness, itch and diarrhoea. For most people, these reactions are not severe enough to require treatment with Targocid to be stopped. Other, generally less common reactions which have also been reported by some people receiving Targocid injection include local redness and pain at the injection site, dizziness, headache, hearing loss, 'ringing' in the ears and balance problems. Also, temporary kidney or liver problems have developed in some patients while receiving Targocid injection.

In case of overdose

If you were to accidentally receive too much Targocid injection, your doctor should monitor you and treat any symptoms which may develop. Severe consequences from overdosage with Targocid are generally regarded as rare.

Storage conditions

- * Targocid injection should be kept in a safe place out of the reach of children.
- * Targocid injection should not be used if it (or the ampoule of sterile water) has passed the expiry date shown on the label.

- * Store below 25 degrees C.

Remember this medicine is for you.

It should not be used by others, even if their symptoms seem to be the same as yours.

Where to go for further information

This leaflet provides you with general information about Targocid. Since this leaflet is only a summary of information, ask your doctor, pharmacist or nurse if you have any further questions.

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This leaflet provides a summary of some of the important things you need to know about Targocid(R).

Only your doctor or pharmacist are able to weigh up all the relevant facts and you should consult them about all aspects of this medicine as it relates to you.

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