

## Information For The Patient

### About EMEND® I.V. Powder for Solution for Infusion

Please read this leaflet carefully before you start to take your medicine, even if you have just refilled your prescription. Some of the information in the previous leaflet may have changed.

Remember that your doctor has prescribed this medicine only for you. Never give it to anyone else.

#### **What is EMEND I.V.?**

EMEND I.V. (fosaprepitant dimeglumine) is to be given intravenously by your doctor and it contains 150 mg of fosaprepitant as the active ingredient.

In addition, EMEND I.V. contains the following inactive ingredients: edetate disodium, polysorbate 80, lactose anhydrous, sodium hydroxide and/or hydrochloric acid.

EMEND I.V. is a member of a class of medicines called neurokinin 1 (NK<sub>1</sub>) receptor antagonists that is used ALONG WITH OTHER MEDICINES to prevent and control nausea (sick feeling in the back of throat and stomach) and vomiting (throwing up) caused by your cancer chemotherapy treatment.

#### **Why has my doctor prescribed EMEND I.V.?**

Your doctor has prescribed EMEND I.V. for the prevention of nausea and vomiting associated with your cancer chemotherapy treatment.

#### **What should I know before taking EMEND I.V.?**

##### ***Who should not take EMEND I.V.?***

Do not take EMEND I.V. if you are allergic to EMEND I.V., aprepitant or any of its ingredients.

##### ***What should I tell my doctor before taking EMEND I.V.?***

Tell your doctor about any of the following that apply to you:

- any past or present medical problems.
- any allergies.
- all medicines that you are taking or plan to take, even those you can get without a prescription or herbal products.

### **Use in children**

EMEND I.V. has not been approved for use in children.

### **Use in the elderly**

No dosage adjustment is necessary for elderly patients.

### **Use in pregnancy and breast-feeding**

Tell your doctor if you are:

- Pregnant or plan to become pregnant.
- Breast-feeding or plan to breast-feed.

### **Can I take EMEND I.V. with other medicines?**

Do not take EMEND I.V. with pimozide, terfenadine, astemizole, or cisapride. Taking EMEND I.V. with these medications could result in **serious or life-threatening problems**.

Your doctor may check that your medicines are working properly together if you are taking other medicines such as:

- anti-anxiety drugs (such as alprazolam)
- birth control medicines (which may not work as well)
- warfarin (a blood thinner)
- ketoconazole (an antifungal)
- rifampin (an antibiotic)
- paroxetine (a medicine used to treat a certain type of depression)
- diltiazem (a medicine used to treat high blood pressure)
- tolbutamide (a medicine used to treat diabetes)
- phenytoin (a medicine used to treat seizures)

### *Can I drive or operate machinery while using EMEND I.V.?*

There have been side effects reported with EMEND I.V. that may affect your ability to drive or operate machinery. Individual responses to EMEND I.V. may vary. (See **What undesirable effects may EMEND I.V. have?**)

### **How should EMEND I.V. be given?**

EMEND I.V. will be given to you intravenously approximately 30 minutes before you start your chemotherapy treatment on Day 1.

### **What should I do in case of an overdose?**

If you take more than the prescribed dosage, contact your doctor immediately.

### **What undesirable effects may EMEND I.V. have?**

Any medicine may have unintended or undesirable effects, so-called side effects.

Like all prescription drugs, EMEND I.V. may cause side effects. In studies, side effects usually have been mild or moderate.

The most common side effects in cancer patients taking EMEND I.V. included constipation, abdominal pain, indigestion, and loss of appetite.

Infusion site reactions (ISR) at or near the infusion site have happened with EMEND I.V.

Most severe ISR have happened with a certain type of chemotherapy medicine that can burn or blister your skin (vesicant) with side effects, including pain, swelling and redness. Death of skin tissue (necrosis) has happened in some people getting this type of chemotherapy medicine. Tell your healthcare provider right away if you get any infusion site side effects.

Capsules of EMEND may also be used to prevent nausea and vomiting caused by surgery. The most common side effect in surgical patients taking capsules of EMEND before surgery was increased liver enzymes.

The following side effects have been reported in general use:

- Allergic reactions, which may be sudden and/or serious, and may include hives, rash, itching, redness of the face/skin, and cause difficulty in breathing or swallowing, or a serious decrease of blood pressure.
- Severe skin reactions may occur rarely.

Side effects seen with EMEND may also be seen with EMEND I.V.

Other side effects may also occur rarely, and as with any prescription drug, some side effects may be serious. Ask your doctor or pharmacist for more information. Both have a more complete list of side effects. Tell your doctor or pharmacist promptly about these or any other unusual symptoms.

**What else should I do to help manage my nausea and vomiting?**

While good nutrition is important for everyone, it is especially important for people on chemotherapy. Small, frequent meals or eating a snack before your chemotherapy treatment may also help you tolerate it better. Talk to your healthcare professional for further information.

**How can I learn more about EMEND I.V.?**

You may obtain further information from your doctor or pharmacist, who has more detailed information.

**When was this package leaflet last revised?**

This package leaflet was last revised in July 2022.



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