SWFI, Sterilized Water for Injections

Read all of this leaflet carefully before you start using this medicine.

- Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.
- If you have any further questions, ask your doctor, health care provider or pharmacist.
- This medicine has been prescribed for you. Do not pass it on to others. It may harm them, even if their symptoms are the same as yours.
- If any of the side effects gets serious, or if you notice any side effects not listed in this leaflet, please tell your doctor, health care provider or pharmacist.

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a) What SWFI is and what it is used for

SWFI Water for Injections BP contains water that has been very carefully cleaned and purified so there are no chemicals, bacteria or moulds in it. It is used to:

- dissolve and dilute other medicines so that they can be given as an injection or an infusion (a drip) into your veins, muscles or other tissues in the body.

b) Before you use SWFI

DO NOT use SWFI:

- as an injection or infusion on its own. It must only be used to dissolve or dilute necessary drugs to be administered by your doctor or nurse.

Take special care

Talk to your doctor or nurse before receiving SWFI.

- Water for Injections BP should not be administered alone because it may cause damage to red blood cells (haemolysis).

Other medicines and SWFI

Tell your doctor or nurse if you are taking, have recently taken or might take any other medicines in addition to the medicine that is going to be dissolved or diluted with SWFI.

Pregnancy and breast feeding

If you are pregnant or breast feeding, think you may be pregnant or are planning to have a baby, ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before receiving the medicine that is going to be dissolved or diluted with SWFI.

Effects on ability to drive and use machines

Ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before receiving the medicine that is going to be dissolved or diluted with SWFI.

c) **How to use SWFI**

Your doctor or nurse will use the correct amount of SWFI to dissolve or dilute the medicine that you are receiving as an injection. Your doctor will decide the dose of your medicine that you should receive and how long you will need to take it for. The dose will depend on the other medicine which is being dissolved or diluted with SWFI.

If you receive more SWFI than you should

Since the injection will be given to you by a doctor or nurse, it is unlikely that you will be given too much. The signs and symptoms of overdose will be related to those of the medicine which is being dissolved or diluted with SWFI. However, if you feel unwell afterwards or have any discomfort, tell your doctor or nurse.

d) **Possible side effects**

Like all medicines, this medicine can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them.

If given on its own, intravenous injection of SWFI may cause damage to red blood cells (haemolysis).

e) **How to store SWFI**

Use as directed by physician. Keep out of reach of children.

Store in a cool dry place, below 30°C but do not freeze.

Do not use after the expiry date which is stated on the bottle after "Expiry". The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.

f) Further information

What SWFI contains

The **active** ingredient is Water for Injections (100% w/v).

What SWFI looks like and the contents of the pack

SWFI isa clear, colourless solution packed in 10/5mL plastic bottles.

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