

Artesunat Injection (Artesunate 60mg/ml)



COMPOSITIONS:

Each vial contains 60mg of Artesunate

Each ampoule contains 1 ml of 5% Sodium bicarbonate solution.

ACTIONS:

- Artesunate is an antimalarial agent. Artesunate is a derivative of Artemisinin found in *Artemisia annua*, a herb that has traditionally been used in China for the treatment of malaria.
- Artesunate is an alternative therapy for the treatment of severe malaria, including cerebral malaria.

INDICATIONS:

Artesunate has an antimalarial activity. It can quickly and reliably control the acute attack and cerebral type of malaria. It is effective against *Plasmodium falciparum* and *Plasmodium vivax*, especially against malaria parasites resistant to Chloroquine.

ADMINISTRATION:

- As prescribed by physicians.
- It can be given by deep IM injection or slow IV injection:
 - + Deep IM injection: Dissolve 60mg of Artesunate with 1ml of 5% sodium bicarbonate solution for injection before use.
 - + Slow IV injection: Dissolve 60mg of Artesunate with 1ml of 5% sodium bicarbonate solution for injection and add 5ml of 0.9% sodium chloride solution for injection before use to make 1ml contains 10mg of Artesunate. Injection must follow immediately soon after dissolution, if the solution appears cloudy or sediment occurs, it should be rejected.

DOSAGE:

The usual injection dosage for each time:

- Adult and Children ≥ 7 years: 1.2mg/kg.

- Children < 7 years: 1.5mg/kg.

The following doses are given at hour 4 and 24 after the first injection in day 1. Give 1 dose daily for the consecutive days. A course of therapy is recommended for 5 consecutive days.

CONTRA – INDICATIONS:

No contra-indications has been so far reported.

SIDE-EFFECTS:

The most frequent side-effect are mild, transient such as: side-effects on gastrointestinal system (nausea, abdominal pain, diarrhea), headache, dazzling...

PRECAUTIONS:

Use with caution in pregnant women in the first trimester.

INTERACTIONS:

Due to its structure containing a sesquiterpene lactone that bears a peroxide grouping which releases free oxygen, avoid using Artesunate concomitantly with antioxidants such as Vitamin E, Vitamin C, Glutathione, ... because those will decrease the antimalarial action of the drug.

SHELF-LIFE:

36 months from the manufacturing date.

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