# Information For the User Arteether (150mg) Arteslide 150 injection

# Arteether (150 mg) Injection: Product Information

**Brand Name**: Arteether Injection **Generic Name**: Arteether **Strength**: 150 mg per ml **Dosage Form**: Injectable solution

#### Indications:

Arteether 150 mg Injection is indicated for:

- Treatment of severe malaria, particularly acute, complicated Plasmodium falciparum malaria in adults and children.
- It is typically used in cases where oral antimalarial therapy is not feasible or effective due to the severity of the infection.

#### **Mechanism of Action**:

Arteether is a **synthetic derivative of artemisinin** that works by:

- **Inhibiting protein synthesis** and damaging the cell membrane of the malaria parasite, leading to rapid clearance of parasites from the bloodstream.
- Arteether is highly effective against the blood stages of the Plasmodium falciparum parasite, quickly reducing parasite load and associated symptoms.

#### **Dosage and Administration:**

- Adult Dosing: 150 mg intramuscularly (IM) once daily for 3 consecutive days. The total dosage will be based on the patient's body weight and physician's recommendation.
- **Pediatric Dosing**: Based on body weight (typically 3 mg/kg), given intramuscularly

once daily for 3 consecutive days, or as prescribed by the healthcare provider.

#### Administration Instructions:

- 1. Administer by deep intramuscular injection.
- 2. Rotate injection sites between doses to reduce the risk of local site reactions.
- 3. Use aseptic technique for administration to minimize infection risk.

#### Contraindications:

Arteether 150 mg Injection is contraindicated in:

- Patients with known **hypersensitivity** to Arteether, artemisinin derivatives, or any component of the formulation.
- **Pregnancy**: Not recommended during pregnancy unless no safer alternatives are available, due to potential risks to the fetus.
- Severe renal or hepatic impairment: Use with caution, as Arteether is metabolized in the liver.

#### Warnings and Precautions:

- **Neurotoxicity**: Prolonged or repeated use may increase the risk of neurotoxicity; therefore, limit use to short-term treatment as prescribed.
- Monitor liver and kidney function: Arteether is metabolized in the liver, and caution is advised in patients with hepatic impairment. Regular monitoring of liver enzymes and renal function is recommended.
- Avoid repeated use: Arteether is recommended for use only in acute settings; repeated courses should be avoided to reduce risks of toxicity and neurotoxicity.

#### Side Effects:

Common side effects of Arteether Injection may include:

- Pain at the injection site
- Nausea, vomiting, or dizziness
- Headache and weakness

Serious side effects, though rare, may include:

- Neurotoxic effects: Such as confusion, tremors, or seizures, which may occur with prolonged or repeated doses.
- Allergic reactions: Including rash, itching, difficulty breathing, or swelling of the face or throat; immediate medical attention is necessary if these occur.
- Liver dysfunction: Signs such as jaundice, dark urine, or abdominal pain may indicate liver impairment.

If any serious side effects occur, discontinue use and seek medical attention immediately.

# **Drug Interactions**:

- **Concurrent antimalarial therapies**: Should be used cautiously with other antimalarials due to potential additive toxicities.
- Medications metabolized by the liver: As Arteether affects liver function, discuss all current medications with the healthcare provider to avoid interactions.
- Alcohol: Avoid alcohol use during treatment due to added liver strain.

### Storage:

- Store at **room temperature** (15°C to 25°C / 59°F to 77°F), away from direct sunlight and moisture.
- Keep out of reach of children.

# Patient Counseling Information:

- **Complete follow-up therapy**: Even after using Arteether for immediate treatment, continue any follow-up therapy as recommended to ensure full eradication of the malaria parasite.
- **Report symptoms of liver impairment**: Such as fatigue, jaundice, or dark urine immediately, as these may indicate liver dysfunction.
- **Stay hydrated** and rest to aid recovery during treatment.
- Inform healthcare provider of all medications you are currently taking to prevent possible drug interactions.

This information provides a general overview of **Arteether 150 mg Injection**. Always follow the healthcare provider's instructions and consult them for any specific questions or concerns regarding this medication.

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