# **Merotyle 250 Injection**

**Product Information: Meropenem (250 mg) Injection** 

# Composition

Meropenem: 250 mg per vial as a sterile powder for reconstitution for intravenous (IV) use.

## **Pharmacological Class**

- Class: Carbapenem antibiotic (β-lactam class).
- Mechanism of Action: Meropenem works by inhibiting bacterial cell wall synthesis through binding to penicillinbinding proteins (PBPs), leading to bacterial cell lysis. It is bactericidal against a wide spectrum of Grampositive, Gram-negative, and anaerobic bacteria.

# Indications

Meropenem (250 mg) is used to treat the following serious bacterial infections:

- 1. Intra-abdominal Infections: Peritonitis, abscesses, and other complex abdominal infections.
- 2. Skin and Soft Tissue Infections: Complicated skin and soft tissue infections.
- 3. Pneumonia: Community-acquired and hospital-acquired pneumonia, including ventilator-associated pneumonia (VAP).

- 4. Urinary Tract Infections (UTIs): Complicated UTIs, including pyelonephritis.
- 5. Septicemia (Bacteremia): Bloodstream infections caused by susceptible organisms.
- 6. Meningitis: Bacterial meningitis caused by sensitive organisms.
- 7. Febrile Neutropenia: Empiric therapy for patients with febrile neutropenia, often in cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy.

## **Dosage and Administration**

**Recommended Dosage:** 

Adults: Typically, 250 mg every 8 hours for moderate infections. The dosage may be increased depending on infection severity and patient condition. ○ Pediatric Patients (≥3 months): The dosage is based on body weight, typically 20-40 mg/kg every 8 hours (maximum: 2 g/day).
Route of Administration: Intravenous (IV) infusion or IV bolus. ○ For IV infusion: Reconstitute the powder with 10 mL sterile water for injection and further dilute for infusion. Infuse over 15-30 minutes. ○ For IV bolus: Reconstitute with sterile water and inject

over 3-5 minutes.

## Contraindications

Hypersensitivity to Meropenem or any other carbapenem antibiotic or β-lactam

agents (such as penicillins or cephalosporins).

Severe hypersensitivity reactions: Anaphylaxis, rash, angioedema.

**Warnings and Precautions** 

- Hypersensitivity Reactions: Serious allergic reactions such as anaphylaxis may occur. Use with caution in patients with a history of hypersensitivity to βlactam antibiotics.
- 2. Clostridium difficile-associated Diarrhea: Risk of pseudomembranous colitis with prolonged use. Monitor for symptoms such as diarrhea, abdominal cramping, and fever.
- 3. Renal Impairment: Dose adjustments are required in patients with impaired renal function. Close monitoring of renal function is recommended.
- 4. CNS Effects: Seizures may occur, particularly with high doses or in patients with pre-existing central nervous system disorders or renal failure.
- 5. Superinfection: Prolonged use may result in superinfections, including fungal or resistant bacterial infections.

## **Adverse Effects**

- Common: Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, headache, rash, fever, and phlebitis or pain at the injection site.
- Serious:
  - Seizures (especially in patients with renal impairment).
  - Hematological effects: Thrombocytopenia, neutropenia, eosinophilia.

#### **Drug Interactions**

- Probenecid: Increases the plasma concentration of Meropenem by inhibiting renal clearance.
- Valproic Acid: Concomitant use may reduce plasma concentrations of valproic acid, increasing the risk of seizures.
- Other Antibiotics: Caution is advised when using with other antibiotics, as synergistic or antagonistic interactions may occur.

#### **Storage Instructions**

- Store below 25°C (room temperature), away from direct sunlight and moisture.
- After reconstitution, the solution should be used immediately or stored for up to 6 hours at room temperature.
- Discard any unused portion to maintain sterility.

## **Clinical Benefits**

- Broad Spectrum: Effective against a wide range of Gram-positive, Gramnegative, and anaerobic organisms.
- Effective in Critical Infections: Ideal for treating severe, life-threatening infections, particularly in hospitalized or immunocompromised patients.
- Reduced Resistance Risk: Meropenem's ability to resist breakdown by most βlactamases makes it a valuable option against resistant bacterial strains.

#### Packaging

• Supplied in single-dose vials containing 250 mg of Meropenem as a sterile powder for reconstitution.

Meropenem (250 mg) Injection is a broadspectrum antibiotic that is highly effective in treating serious infections caused by a variety of bacteria. It is a first-line therapy for lifethreatening conditions and should be administered by healthcare professionals.

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