**Consumer Medicine Information**

**WHAT IS IN THIS LEAFLET?**
This leaflet contains information about Adrenaline 1:10,000 Injection MINIJET. Please read it carefully and keep it for future reference. The information in this leaflet is only a summary and is not intended to replace advice from your doctor. Please consult your doctor or pharmacist if you have any comments or questions.

**WHAT IS ADRENALINE?**
Adrenaline is a chemical which is produced naturally by our bodies. It helps to regulate most of the important functions such as heart rate, blood pressure and breathing. When we feel a fright or have to fight or run, extra adrenaline is released into our blood. As this adrenaline circulates round the body it makes our heart beat faster, helps us to get more air into our lungs and increases the blood supply to the muscles. This helps us to cope with emergencies and is why we often get palpitations when we are frightened.

Adrenaline injections are used to treat some emergency situations which can occur in the heart and lungs. It can only be given by injection and it acts very quickly.

**WHEN IS ADRENALINE USED?**
Adrenaline injections are only used in medical emergencies. They are not used as regular treatment.

Adrenaline 1:10,000 is used in people whose hearts have suddenly stopped (cardiac arrest). The adrenaline can help to restart the heart and stimulates it to beat strongly.

As adrenaline is only used in medical emergencies, the injection may be given by paramedical personnel such as ambulance or nursing staff.

**WHO SHOULD NOT HAVE ADRENALINE INJECTIONS?**
As adrenaline is an emergency life-saving product it should not be withheld from anyone who needs it. However it should be given cautiously to elderly people, to those with high blood pressure, thyroid problems and some people with high pressure in the eye.

Care must also be taken when giving adrenaline to diabetics, those with heart disease, people allergic to adrenaline, persons with brain damage and persons who are having an anaesthetic.

**BEFORE YOU HAVE AN ADRENALINE INJECTION**
If you are conscious, you should tell your doctor if you:
- have high blood pressure
- have high pressure in the eye (glaucoma)
- have diabetes
- have asthma
- have heart problems
- have thyroid problems
- have difficulty urinating or have prostate problems
- have a spinal cord injury or other condition affecting the spinal cord

They should not be used after the expiry date on the package or if the solution is brown or contains sediment.

**WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?**
You can get more information from your doctor or pharmacist.

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