

Medication Information Card

Amantadine (A – man – tah – deen)

Other names for this medication

There are many other names for this medication.

How this medication is used

This medication is used to control shaking and stiffness caused by some medications and diseases such as Parkinson's. It may take up to 1 week to begin working fully for shaking.

This medication is also used to prevent or treat the flu virus called influenza A.

How to take this medication

Take this medication exactly as directed by your doctor. Do not stop taking this medication without talking to your doctor first.

To avoid stomach upset, take this medication with a meal or snack.

Liquid: Use a medication measuring device to measure the correct amount.

How to take this medication (continued)

If you miss a dose of this medication, take it as soon as possible. However, if it is almost time for the next dose, skip the missed dose and go back to your regular time. Do not take 2 doses at one time.

Until you know how this medication affects you, do not drive or operate machinery. Avoid drinking alcohol such as wine, beer and liquor while taking this medication.

While taking this medication you may notice

- dizziness
- headache
- nausea
- trouble sleeping
- nervousness
- dry mouth

To avoid feeling dizzy, get up slowly when you have been sitting or lying down. If you feel dizzy, sit or lie down until you are no longer dizzy, then get up slowly.

To help dry mouth, try sucking sugar-free candy or chewing sugar-free gum. Sucking on ice chips also helps if you are not on a limited fluid diet. Good care of your teeth is very important at this time.

Contact your doctor if you notice

- uncontrolled shaking
- blurred vision
- confusion
- trouble urinating
- skin rash or itching
- swelling of feet or lower legs
- mood changes unusual for you