

AMICAR (Aminocaproic Acid)

General information: Amicar is an antifibrinolytic, it prevents clots from dissolving.

Indications: In people with a bleeding disorder, for mucosal bleeding i.e. mouth/gums, epistaxis, GI tract. Amicar is not useful for joint or muscle bleeds. Use cautiously with kidney or bladder bleeding. NOT to be used in someone with DIC, during pregnancy or if using Factor IX Complex concentrates or Anti-Inhibitor Coagulant concentrates.

Dose: Available in 500 mg tablets, Syrup 250 mg/ml, Injection 250 mg/ml

May be used as a mouthwash for oral bleeds as follows:

Use injectable vial of 10 ml (2.5 grams), swish gently over site for 2 minutes then either spit or swallow, repeat QID, NPO for 1 hour (Syrup can also be used)

Children: 100mg/kg po Q 6 hours with a max dose of 24 Grams in 24 hours

Adults: 6 Grams po Q 6 hours with a max dose of 24 Grams in 24 hours

Side Effects: Some of the side effects are nausea, vomiting, stomach upset, diarrhea, dizziness, lethargy, headache, weakness, rash.