

PRODUCT MONOGRAPH  
INCLUDING PATIENT MEDICATION INFORMATION

**Pr pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE CAPSULES**

amantadine hydrochloride capsules

capsules, 100 mg, oral

House Standard

**Pr pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE SYRUP**

amantadine hydrochloride oral solution

syrup, 10 mg/mL, oral

USP

Antiparkinsonian Agent

Antiviral Agent

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## PART I: HEALTH PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION

### 1 INDICATIONS

#### Antiparkinsonian Treatment

pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE is useful in the treatment of Parkinson's Syndrome and in the short-term management of drug-induced extrapyramidal symptoms.

#### Antiviral Prevention and Treatment

- The prevention or chemoprophylaxis of respiratory tract infections caused by Influenza A virus strains, especially in high-risk patients (including those with cardiopulmonary disease, neuromuscular disorders, the elderly, immunocompromised), close household or hospital ward contact of index cases, and those in critical public service positions (e.g. police, firefighters, and medical personnel).

In the prophylaxis of influenza early vaccination is the method of choice. When early vaccination is not feasible, or when the vaccine is contraindicated or not available, amantadine hydrochloride may be used for chemoprophylaxis against influenza A virus illness.

It is effective against all strains of Influenza A virus which have been tested to date. Because amantadine hydrochloride does not appear to suppress antibody response, it may be given as chemoprophylaxis concurrently with inactivated Influenza A virus vaccine until protective antibodies develop. (pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE is not effective against other respiratory viral infections, including influenza B and parainfluenza.)

- The treatment of uncomplicated respiratory tract illness caused by Influenza A virus strains. (There are no well-controlled studies demonstrating that treatment with pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE will avoid the development of influenza A virus pneumonitis or other complications in high-risk patients.)

There is no clinical evidence indicating that pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE is effective in the prophylaxis or treatment of viral respiratory tract illnesses other than those caused by influenza A virus strains.

#### 1.1 Pediatrics

##### Antiparkinsonian Treatment

**Pediatrics (under 18 years of age):** No data are available to Health Canada; therefore, Health Canada has not authorized an indication for pediatric use (see [7.1.3 Pediatrics](#)).

##### Antiviral Treatment

**Pediatrics (≥ 1 year of age):** Based on the data submitted and reviewed by Health Canada, the safety and efficacy of amantadine hydrochloride in pediatric patients ≥ 1 year of age has been established. Therefore, Health Canada has authorized an indication for use in pediatric patients ≥ 1 year of age (see [4.2 Recommended Dose and Dosage Adjustment](#)).

## 1.2 Geriatrics

**Geriatrics (≥ 65 years of age):** Amantadine hydrochloride is not metabolized and is mainly excreted in the urine; it accumulates in the plasma and in the body when renal function declines. The dose of amantadine hydrochloride should be reduced in patients who are 65 years of age or older (see [7.1.4 Geriatrics](#); and [10.3 Geriatrics](#)).

## 2 CONTRAINDICATIONS

pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE is contraindicated in patients who:

- are hypersensitive to this drug or to any ingredient in the formulation, including any non-medicinal ingredient, or component of the container. For a complete listing, see [6 DOSAGE FORMS, STRENGTHS, COMPOSITION AND PACKAGING](#).
- have renal impairment with a creatinine clearance rate of less than 15 mL/min (see [4.2 Special Populations and Conditions, Renal Insufficiency](#)).

## 4 DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

### 4.1 Dosing Considerations

- The dose of pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE may need careful adjustment in patients with congestive heart failure, peripheral edema, orthostatic hypotension, or impaired renal function (see [4.2 Special Populations and Conditions, Renal Insufficiency](#); [10.3 Renal Insufficiency](#)).
- Prior to initiating treatment with pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE evaluate the patient's history of seizures and mental illness evaluated prior to initiating treatment (see [7 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS, Neurologic](#) and [7 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS, Psychiatric](#)).

#### Antiparkinsonian Treatment

- In Parkinson's syndrome, Amantadine Hydrochloride has been used alone and in combination with anticholinergic antiparkinsonian drugs and with levodopa. The final therapeutic benefit seen with Amantadine Hydrochloride is significantly less than that seen with levodopa. The maximal therapeutic benefit to be obtained with Amantadine Hydrochloride is usually seen within 1 week. However, initial benefits may diminish with continued dosing.
- Amantadine Hydrochloride is useful as an adjunct in patients who do not tolerate optimal doses of levodopa alone or in combined therapy with a decarboxylase inhibitor. In these patients, the addition of Amantadine Hydrochloride may result in

better control of Parkinson's syndrome and may help to smooth out fluctuations in performance.

- The comparative efficacy of amantadine and anticholinergic antiparkinson drugs has not yet been established. When amantadine or anticholinergic antiparkinson drugs are each used with marginal benefit, concomitant use may permit the same degree of control, often with a lower dose of the anticholinergic medication.
- The dose of anticholinergic drugs or of pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE should be reduced if atropine-like effects appear when these drugs are used concurrently (see [9.2 Drug Interactions Overview](#)).
- Amantadine Hydrochloride is effective in decreasing the severity or eliminating drug-induced extrapyramidal reactions including parkinsonism syndrome, akathisia and dystonia. It is not effective in the treatment of tardive dyskinesia.
- Anticholinergic-type side effects have been noted with Amantadine Hydrochloride when used in patients with drug-induced extrapyramidal reactions, however, the incidence of these side effects is lower than that observed with anticholinergic antiparkinson drugs.
- Although antiparkinsonian agents should not usually be used prophylactically during neuroleptic administration, they may be given when needed to suppress extrapyramidal symptoms. As such, pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE may be used in the management of extrapyramidal symptoms which cannot be controlled by reduction of neuroleptic dosage, but should be discontinued as soon as it is no longer required. pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE should be discontinued gradually after a period of time to determine whether there is a recurrence of extrapyramidal symptoms.

### Antiviral Treatment

- Treatment of Influenza A virus illness should be started as soon as possible, preferably within 24 to 48 hours, after onset of signs and symptoms, and should be continued for 24 to 48 hours after the disappearance of signs and symptoms.
- Prophylactic dosing should be started in anticipation of an Influenza A outbreak and before or after contact with individuals with Influenza A virus respiratory tract illness. pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE should be continued daily for at least 10 days following a known exposure.
- When inactivated Influenza A virus vaccine is unavailable or contraindicated, pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE should be administered for up to 90 days in case of possible repeated and unknown exposures.

## 4.2 Recommended Dose and Dosage Adjustment

### Antiparkinsonian Treatment

Initially 100 mg daily for the first week, increasing to 100 mg twice daily. The dose can be titrated against signs and symptoms. Doses exceeding 200 mg daily may provide some additional relief but may also be associated with increasing toxicity. A dose of 400 mg/day should not be exceeded. The dose should be increased gradually, at intervals of not less than 1 week. Since patients over 65 years of age tend to show lower renal clearance and consequently higher plasma concentrations, the lowest effective dose should be used.

Amantadine acts within a few days but may appear to lose efficacy within a few months of continuous treatment. Its effectiveness may be prolonged by withdrawal for three to four weeks, which seems to restore activity. During this time, existing concomitant antiparkinsonian therapy should be continued, or low dose L-dopa treatment initiated if clinically necessary.

pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE withdrawal should be gradual, e.g. half the dose at weekly intervals. Abrupt discontinuation may exacerbate Parkinsonism, regardless of the patient's response to therapy (see [7 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS, General](#)).

Combined treatment: Any antiparkinsonian drug already in use should be continued during initial pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE treatment. It may then be possible to reduce the other drug gradually. If increased side effects occur, the dosage should be reduced more quickly. In patients receiving large doses of anticholinergic agents or L-dopa, the initial phase of pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE treatment, with a dose of 100 mg daily, should be extended to 15 days.

### Antiviral Treatment

#### **Dosage for Prophylaxis of Influenza A Virus Illness and Treatment of Uncomplicated Influenza A Virus Illness**

##### **Adults**

The adult daily dosage of pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE is 200 mg administered as follows:

- Two 100 mg capsules as a single daily dose

**OR**

- One 100 mg capsule twice a day

If central nervous system effects develop on once-a-day dosage, a split dosage schedule may reduce such complaints.

##### **Children**

**1 to 9 years of age:** The total daily dose should be calculated on the basis of 4.5 to 9.0 mg/kg

of body weight per day (but not to exceed 150 mg per day). The daily dose should be given in 2 or 3 equal portions.

**9 to 12 years of age:** The total daily dose is 200 mg given as one capsule of 100 mg twice a day.

Health Canada has not authorized an indication for use in pediatric patients <1 year of age.

## Special Populations and Conditions

### **Pediatrics:**

**Antiparkinsonian Treatment:** Health Canada has not authorized an indication for pediatric use (see [1.1 Pediatrics](#)).

**Antiviral Treatment:** Based on the data submitted and reviewed by Health Canada, the safety and efficacy of amantadine hydrochloride in pediatric patients ( $\geq 1$  year of age) has been established (see [1.1 Pediatrics](#); and [4.2 Recommended Dose and Dosage Adjustment](#)). Health Canada has not authorized an indication for pediatric use in patients under 1 year of age.

### **Geriatrics:**

Patients over 65 years of age tend to show lower renal clearance and consequently higher plasma concentrations of amantadine hydrochloride. The dose of pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE should therefore be reduced to 100 mg/day in elderly patients ( $\geq 65$  years of age) (see [1.2 Geriatrics](#); and [10.3 Geriatrics](#)).

### **Renal Insufficiency:**

In patients with renal impairment the dose of pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE should be reduced. This can be achieved by either reducing the total daily dose, or by increasing the dosage interval in accordance with the creatinine clearance (see [7 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS, Renal](#); and [10.3 Renal Insufficiency](#)). For example:

Creatinine clearance mL/min	Dose
< 15	pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE is contraindicated
15 – 35	100 mg every 2 to 3 days.
> 35	100 mg every day

*The above recommendations are for guidance only. Patients should continue to be monitored for signs of adverse reactions.*



#### 4.4 Administration

- pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE CAPSULES should be swallowed whole with a drink of water.
- The dose of pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE SYRUP is calculated as follows: each 5 mL contains 50 mg amantadine hydrochloride, e.g. a dose of 100 mg is equivalent to 10 mL.

#### 4.5 Missed Dose

If a dose is missed, patients are advised to take the dose as soon as remembered, unless it is almost time for the next dose. Patients are advised not to take a double dose to make up for a forgotten dose.

### 5 OVERDOSAGE

#### Symptoms:

Deaths have been reported from overdose with amantadine product. The lowest reported acute lethal dose was 1 gram.

Drug overdose has resulted in cardiac, respiratory, renal or central nervous system toxicity. Neuromuscular disturbances and symptoms of acute psychosis are prominent features of acute poisoning with amantadine. Signs and symptoms of amantadine overdosage may include the following:

**Central nervous system:** Hyperreflexia; motor restlessness; convulsions; extrapyramidal signs: torsion spasms, dystonic posturing; confusion; disorientation; delirium; visual hallucinations; dilated pupils; dysphagia, and myoclonus, aggression/hostility, depressed level of consciousness and coma.

**Respiratory system:** Hyperventilation, pulmonary edema, respiratory distress including adult respiratory distress syndrome.

**Cardiovascular system:** Disturbances of fluid, electrolyte and acid-base balance, sinus tachycardia, arrhythmia, and hypertension. Cardiac arrest and sudden cardiac death have been reported.

**Gastrointestinal system:** Nausea, vomiting, dry mouth.

**Renal function:** Urinary retention, renal dysfunction including increase in blood urea nitrogen (BUN) and decreased creatinine clearance.

Overdose from combined drug treatment: The peripheral and central adverse effects of anticholinergic drugs are increased by the concomitant use of amantadine, and acute psychotic reactions, which may be identical to those caused by atropine poisoning, may occur, especially when large doses of anticholinergic agents are used (see [9 DRUG INTERACTIONS](#)). When overdosage of amantadine has occurred in conjunction with the use of alcohol or central nervous system stimulants, the signs and symptoms of acute poisoning with amantadine may be aggravated or otherwise modified.

### Management of Overdosage:

There is no specific antidote.

For acute overdosing, general supportive measures, including close medical supervision, monitoring of vital signs, and continuous electrocardiogram monitoring, should be employed, along with immediate gastric decontamination, if appropriate.

Blood electrolytes, urine pH and urinary output should be monitored. Since amantadine is excreted mainly unchanged in the urine, maintenance of renal function and copious diuresis (forced diuresis if necessary) are effective ways to remove it from the blood stream. The excretion rate of amantadine increases rapidly when the urine is acidic, and the administration of urine acidifying drugs may increase the elimination of the drug from the body. If there is no record of recent voiding, catheterization should be done. Hemodialysis does not remove significant amounts of amantadine; in patients with renal failure, a 4-hour hemodialysis session removed 7-15 mg after a single 300 mg oral dose.

If required, appropriate antiarrhythmic and antihypotensive therapy should be given to manage arrhythmias and hypotension.

If required, sedation and anticonvulsant therapy should be administered to manage hyperactivity and convulsions.

Slowly administered intravenous physostigmine in 1 and 2 mg doses in adults at 1- to-2-hour intervals and, 0.5 mg doses in children at 5 to 10-minute intervals up to a maximum of 2 mg/hour, have been reported to be effective for controlling central nervous system toxicity caused by amantadine hydrochloride.

The possibility of multiple drug ingestion by the patient should be considered.

For management of a suspected drug overdose, contact your regional poison control centre.

## 6 DOSAGE FORMS, STRENGTHS, COMPOSITION AND PACKAGING

Table 1 – Dosage Forms, Strengths, Composition and Packaging

Route of Administration	Dosage Form / Strength/Composition	Non-medicinal Ingredients
oral	Capsules 100 mg	FD&C Red 40 (Allura red), gelatin, glycerol, hydrogenated soy bean oil, lecithin, purified water, soy bean oil (refined), titanium dioxide, yellow bees wax
oral	Syrup 10 mg/mL	Artificial raspberry flavor, citric acid anhydrous, glycerine, methylparaben, propylparaben, purified water, sorbitol solution, sucrose

## Description

**Capsules:** Each red oblong Softgel capsule marked with “P” in an inverted triangle beside of "8040" contains 100 mg of amantadine hydrochloride, House Standard. Tartrazine-free. Bottles of 100 capsules.

**Syrup:** Each 5 mL of clear colorless syrup contains 50 mg of amantadine hydrochloride, USP. Also contains parabens. Tartrazine-free. Bottles of 500 mL.

## 7 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

### General

Caution and close monitoring are recommended when treating patients with the following conditions:

- history of congestive heart failure, peripheral edema, orthostatic hypotension, or impaired renal function (see [7 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS, Cardiovascular](#); [7 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS, Renal](#));
- history of epilepsy or other seizures (see [7 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS, Neurologic](#));
- liver disease;
- a history of recurrent eczematoid rash;
- psychosis or severe psychoneurosis not controlled by chemotherapeutic agents (see [7 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS, Psychiatric](#));
- concurrent administration with central nervous system stimulants (see [9.2 Drug Interactions Overview](#)).

### Antiparkinsonian Treatment

- Anticholinergic-type side effects, such as dry mouth, orthostatic hypotension, constipation, and urinary retention, have been noted with amantadine hydrochloride when used in patients with drug-induced extrapyramidal reactions. The incidence of these side effects is lower than that observed with anticholinergic antiparkinsonian drugs.
- Abrupt discontinuation of amantadine may result in worsening of parkinsonism or in symptoms resembling neuroleptic malignant syndrome (NMS), as well as in cognitive manifestations (e.g. catatonia, confusion, disorientation, worsening of mental status, delirium). pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE should not be discontinued abruptly (see [4.2 Recommended Dose and Dosage Adjustment](#); [7 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS, Neurologic](#); [8.5 Post-Market Adverse Reactions](#)).
- Patients with Parkinson's syndrome improving on pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE should resume normal activities gradually and cautiously, consistent with other medical

considerations, such as the presence of osteoporosis or phlebothrombosis.

### **Cardiovascular**

Patients with a history of congestive heart failure, peripheral edema, orthostatic hypotension, or impaired renal function should be monitored closely as there are patients who have developed congestive heart failure while being treated with amantadine hydrochloride (see [4.1 Dosing Considerations](#)).

Peripheral edema, probably due to local vascular disturbance, may occur in some patients during chronic treatment with pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE. This should be taken into consideration if pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE is prescribed to patients with a history of heart failure.

### **Driving and Operating Machinery**

Patients receiving amantadine hydrochloride should be warned that dizziness, blurred vision and other CNS effects may occur and impair judgement, thinking or motor skills. Patients should be cautioned against driving, operating hazardous machinery or working in situations where alertness is important (see [7 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS, Neurologic](#) and [7 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS, Ophthalmologic](#)).

### **Neurologic**

#### **Seizures**

Patients with a history of epilepsy or other seizures should be observed closely as amantadine hydrochloride may cause increased seizure activity.

#### **Neuroleptic Malignant Syndrome**

pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE must not be discontinued abruptly. Sporadic cases of possible Neuroleptic Malignant Syndrome (NMS) have been reported in association with dose reduction or withdrawal of amantadine hydrochloride therapy. Clinical manifestations of NMS include hyperpyrexia, muscle rigidity, mental changes (e.g., agitation, confusion), altered consciousness and autonomic instability. Additional signs may include elevated creatine phosphokinase, myoglobinuria (rhabdomyolysis), and acute renal failure. Therefore, patients should be observed carefully when the dosage of pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE is reduced abruptly or discontinued, especially if the patient is receiving neuroleptics.

### **Ophthalmologic**

pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE has anticholinergic effects and may cause mydriasis. Therefore, pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE should not be given to patients with untreated angle closure glaucoma.

Ophthalmologic adverse effects including punctate subepithelial or other corneal opacity,

corneal edema, decreased visual acuity, sensitivity to light, and optic nerve palsy have been reported uncommonly with amantadine hydrochloride (see [8.1 Adverse Reaction Overview](#)). If blurred vision or other visual problems occur, an ophthalmologic examination should be done to exclude corneal edema. If corneal edema is diagnosed, treatment with amantadine should be discontinued.

## **Psychiatric**

### **Suicidality**

Suicide attempts, some of which have been fatal, have been reported in patients treated with amantadine hydrochloride, many of whom received short courses for influenza treatment or prophylaxis. The incidence of suicide attempts is not known, and the pathophysiologic mechanism is not understood. Suicide attempts and suicidal ideation have been reported in patients with and without prior history of psychiatric illness.

Amantadine hydrochloride can exacerbate mental problems in patients with a history of psychiatric disorders or substance abuse. Patients who attempt suicide may exhibit abnormal mental states which include disorientation, confusion, depression, personality changes, agitation, aggressive behavior, hallucinations, paranoia, other psychotic reactions, and somnolence or insomnia. Monitor patients for changes in mental status, including suicidal ideation or behavior. Counsel family members or caregivers of patients to monitor for changes in behavior and to alert the healthcare professional.

Because of the possibility of serious adverse effects, caution should be observed when prescribing pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE to patients being treated with drugs having CNS effects, or for whom the potential risks outweigh the benefit of treatment.

Prescriptions for pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE should be written for the smallest quantity of tablets consistent with good patient management.

### **Psychosis**

Caution should be used when treating patients with a major psychotic disorder because of the risk of exacerbating psychosis. Hallucinations, delusions, and paranoid reactions have been reported with amantadine hydrochloride. Monitor closely for the occurrence of these symptoms, especially at initiation and after dose increases (see [7 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS, General](#); [8.1 Adverse Reactions Overview](#); [8.5 Post-Market Adverse Reactions](#)).

### **Impulse Control/Compulsive Behaviors**

Impulse control disorders including compulsive behaviors such as intense urges to gamble, increased sexual urges, intense urges to spend money, binge eating, compulsive eating, punding and/or other intense urges have been reported in Parkinson's disease patients during treatment with one or more dopaminergic medications that are used for treatment of Parkinson's disease, including amantadine (see [8.5 Post-Market Adverse Reactions](#)). Because patients may not recognize these behaviors as abnormal, it is important for physicians to specifically ask patients and caregivers about the development of new behavior patterns

during treatment. A dose reduction or stopping the medication should be considered if a patient develops such urges while taking pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE.

## Renal

Because amantadine hydrochloride is not metabolized and is mainly excreted in the urine, it accumulates in the plasma and in the body when renal function declines. pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE is contraindicated in patients with end stage renal disease. The dose of pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE should be reduced in patients with moderate and severe renal impairment and in patients who are 65 years of age or older (see [2 CONTRAINDICATIONS, 4.2 Special Populations and Conditions, Renal Insufficiency](#) and [10.3 Renal Insufficiency](#)).

The elimination rate of amantadine is affected by urine pH. Monitor for efficacy or adverse reactions under conditions that alter the urine pH to more acidic or alkaline, respectively (see [9.2 Drug Interactions Overview](#)).

## Reproductive Health: Female and Male Potential

- **Fertility**

While there is evidence for impairment of fertility in animals treated with amantadine hydrochloride, the effect of this medication on human fertility is unknown (see [7.1.1 Pregnant Women](#); and [16 Reproductive and Developmental Toxicology](#)).

- **Teratogenic Risk**

There is non-clinical evidence suggesting that amantadine hydrochloride is embryotoxic and teratogenic (see [16 Reproductive and Developmental Toxicology](#)).

Women of child-bearing potential who use amantadine hydrochloride must be advised to avoid pregnancy and to use highly effective contraceptive methods during treatment with pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE and for 5 days after the last dose of amantadine hydrochloride. The use of pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE is not recommended in women of childbearing potential not using effective contraception (see [7.1.1 Pregnant Women](#)).

## 7.1 Special Populations

### 7.1.1 Pregnant Women

Safe use of amantadine hydrochloride during pregnancy has not been established. There are no adequate and well-controlled studies in pregnant women. Based on animal data, pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE may cause fetal harm (see [16 Reproductive and Developmental Toxicology](#)).

The use of pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE during pregnancy is not recommended unless the expected benefits to the mother outweigh the potential risks to the fetus. Patients should be advised to notify their physician if they become pregnant during treatment with pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE.

### 7.1.2 Breast-feeding

Amantadine hydrochloride is excreted into breast milk. pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE should therefore not be administered to nursing mothers.

### 7.1.3 Pediatrics

**Pediatrics (under 18 years of age):** The safety and efficacy of amantadine hydrochloride in newborn infants and infants below the age of 1 year have not been established for its antiviral use.

No data are available to Health Canada on the safety and efficacy of pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE when used as an antiparkinsonian agent in the treatment of children; therefore, Health Canada has not authorized this indication for pediatric use (see [1.1 Pediatrics](#)).

### 7.1.4 Geriatrics

**Geriatrics ( $\geq 65$  years of age):** The renal clearance of amantadine hydrochloride is reduced, and plasma levels are increased, in otherwise healthy elderly patients aged 65 years and older.

The drug plasma levels in elderly patients receiving 100 mg daily have been reported to approximate those determined in younger adults taking 200 mg daily. Whether these changes are due to the normal decline in renal function or other age-related factors is not known.

Thus, the dose of pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE should be reduced in patients who are 65 years of age or older (see [4.2 Special Populations and Conditions, Geriatrics; 10.3 Geriatrics](#)).

## 8 ADVERSE REACTIONS

### 8.1 Adverse Reaction Overview

The most frequently reported treatment emergent adverse reactions, reported in  $\geq 5\%$  of patients who received amantadine hydrochloride at the recommended dosage as antiparkinson therapy (monotherapy or in combination with anticholinergic antiparkinsonian drugs and/or levodopa) or as antiviral therapy, were: nausea, dizziness, light-headedness, and insomnia.

Adverse reactions are listed by MedDRA system organ class. Within each system organ class, the adverse drug reactions are listed by frequency. In addition, the corresponding frequency category for each adverse drug reaction is based on the following convention (CIOMS III):

Very common	$\geq 1/10$ ( $\geq 10\%$ )
Common	$\geq 1/100$ to $< 1/10$ ( $\geq 1\%$ to $< 10\%$ )
Uncommon	$\geq 1/1,000$ to $< 1/100$ ( $\geq 0.1\%$ to $< 1\%$ )

Rare	≥ 1/10,000 to < 1/1,000 (≥ 0.01% to < 0.1%)
Very rare	< 1/10,000 (< 0.01%)
Not known	frequency has not been assessed

### **Blood and lymphatic system disorders**

Rare: leukopenia, neutropenia

### **Cardiovascular disorders**

Common: palpitations\*

Uncommon: congestive heart failure

### **Eye disorders**

Uncommon: visual disturbance including: punctate subepithelial or other corneal opacity, corneal edema (see [7 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS, Ophthalmologic](#)), decreased visual acuity, sensitivity to light, optic nerve palsy, blurred vision\*

Rare: oculozytic crisis

### **Gastrointestinal disorders**

Common: nausea, dry mouth, constipation, diarrhea, anorexia

Uncommon: vomiting

### **General disorders and administration site conditions**

Common: fatigue

Uncommon: weakness

### **Investigations**

Very Rare: abnormal liver function tests

### **Musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorders**

Common: myalgia\*

### **Nervous system disorders**

Very Common: dizziness, light-headedness

Common: headache, confusion, ataxia, somnolence, lethargy\*, dysarthria\*, slurred speech

Uncommon: thinking abnormality, amnesia, hyperkinesia

Rare: convulsions, dyskinesia\*

### **Psychiatric disorders**

Very Common: insomnia

Common: anxiety, depression, hallucinations, irritability, agitation, dream abnormality, nervousness, nightmares\*, loss of concentration/difficulty in concentration\*



Uncommon: euphoria, psychosis, decreased libido

Rare: suicide, suicide attempt, suicidal ideation (see [7 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS, Psychiatric](#)), disorientation\*

### **Respiratory, thoracic and mediastinal disorders**

Common: dry nose

Uncommon: dyspnea

### **Renal and urinary disorders**

Uncommon: urinary retention

Rare: urinary incontinence\*

### **Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorder**

Common: Hyperhidrosis\*

Uncommon: Skin rash

Rare: eczematoid dermatitis, exanthema\*

Very Rare: Photosensitivity/photosensitivity reaction\*

### **Vascular disorders**

Common: orthostatic hypotension, peripheral edema, livedo reticularis

Uncommon: hypertension

*\* It is not known whether the specified adverse reaction occurred in clinical trials or during post-marketing experience.*

## **8.2 Clinical Trial Adverse Reactions**

The clinical trial data on which the original indications were authorized are not available.

## **8.4 Abnormal Laboratory Findings: Hematologic, Clinical Chemistry and Other Quantitative Data Clinical Trial Findings**

Abnormal liver function test results have been reported.

Increases in creatine phosphokinase (CPK), blood urea nitrogen (BUN), serum creatinine, alkaline phosphatase, lactate dehydrogenase (LDH), bilirubin, gamma glutamyl transferase (GGT), alanine aminotransferase (ALT), aspartate aminotransferase (AST) have been reported.

## **8.5 Post-Market Adverse Reactions**

### **Blood and lymphatic system disorders**

leukocytosis, agranulocytosis

**Cardiovascular disorders**

cardiac arrest, arrhythmias including malignant arrhythmias, tachycardia

**Eye disorders**

keratitis, mydriasis

**Gastrointestinal disorders**

dysphagia

**General disorders and administration site conditions**

edema, fever

**Immune system disorders**

allergic reactions including anaphylactic reactions

**Nervous System disorders**

coma, stupor, hypokinesia, hypertonia, involuntary muscle contractions, gait abnormalities, paresthesia, EEG changes, tremor, neuroleptic malignant syndrome. Stupor and slurred speech may also be precipitated by abrupt discontinuation.

**Psychiatric disorders**

delirium, delusions, aggressive behavior, paranoid reaction, manic reaction, pathological gambling, increased libido including hypersexuality, impulse control symptoms. Delirium, agitation, delusions, hallucinations, paranoid reaction, anxiety, and depression may also be precipitated by abrupt discontinuation.

**Respiratory, thoracic and mediastinal disorders**

acute respiratory failure, pulmonary edema, tachypnea

**Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders**

pruritus, diaphoresis

**Vascular disorders**

hypotension

**9 DRUG INTERACTIONS****9.2 Drug Interactions Overview**

Careful observation is required when pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE is administered concurrently with central nervous system stimulants.

Concomitant administration of amantadine hydrochloride and agents with anticholinergic properties may potentiate the anticholinergic-like adverse effects of amantadine hydrochloride, such as confusion, hallucinations, nightmares, gastrointestinal disturbances or other atropine-like effects.

Concomitant use with alcohol should be avoided, as it may increase the potential for CNS effects such as dizziness, confusion, light-headedness, and orthostatic hypotension.

The elimination rate of amantadine hydrochloride is affected by urine pH. Urine pH is altered

by diet, drugs (e.g., carbonic anhydrase inhibitors, sodium bicarbonate), and clinical state of the patient (e.g., renal tubular acidosis or severe infections of the urinary tract). Because the excretion rate of amantadine hydrochloride increases rapidly when the urine is acidic, the administration of urine acidifying drugs may increase the elimination of the drug from the body. Alterations of urine pH towards the alkaline condition may lead to an accumulation of amantadine hydrochloride with a possible increase in adverse reactions. Monitor for efficacy or adverse reactions under conditions that alter the urine pH to more acidic or alkaline, respectively.

### **9.3 Drug-Behavioural Interactions**

The effect of lifestyle choices (e.g., smoking) on the use of pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE has not been established.

### **9.4 Drug-Drug Interactions**

Coadministration of a phenothiazine (thioridazine) has been reported to worsen the tremor in elderly patients with Parkinson's disease; however, it is not known if other phenothiazines (e.g., chlorpromazine, fluphenazine, prochlorperazine) produce a similar response.

The concurrent use of pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE with live attenuated influenza vaccine (LAIV) intranasal has not been evaluated. However, because of the potential for interference between these products, LAIV should not be administered within 2 weeks before or 48 hours after administration of amantadine hydrochloride, unless medically indicated. The concern about possible interference arises from the potential for antiviral drugs to inhibit replication of live vaccine virus.

### **9.5 Drug-Food Interactions**

Interactions with food have not been established.

### **9.6 Drug-Herb Interactions**

Interactions with herbal products have not been established.

## **10 CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY**

### **10.1 Mechanism of Action**

#### *Antiparkinsonian Treatment*

The exact mechanism of action of amantadine hydrochloride in the treatment of parkinsonism and drug-induced extrapyramidal reactions is not known. It appears to be unrelated to its activity in the prophylaxis and symptomatic treatment of influenza A virus infections.

### Antiviral Treatment

The exact mechanism of the antiviral activity of amantadine hydrochloride has not been fully elucidated. The drug appears to produce a virostatic effect by inhibiting either the initiation of infection or virus assembly, thus reducing the possibility of viral replication and aborting clinical infection. To prevent infection, the drug must be present in the tissues prior to exposure to the virus; however, symptoms of influenza may be less severe and disappear more rapidly if the drug is given within 24 hours after the emergence of symptoms.

Reports are conflicting as to whether amantadine hydrochloride interferes with antibody formation in response to Influenza A virus infection: a lowered antibody response may reflect amantadine hydrochloride's antiviral effect which reduces the amount of influenza virus produced. Amantadine hydrochloride does not appear to interfere with the immunogenicity of inactivated A virus vaccine.

### Drug Resistance

Influenza A variants with reduced *in vitro* sensitivity to amantadine have been isolated from epidemic strains in areas where adamantane derivatives are being used. Influenza viruses with reduced *in vitro* sensitivity have been shown to be transmissible and to cause typical influenza illness. The quantitative relationship between the *in vitro* sensitivity of influenza A variants to amantadine and the clinical response to therapy has not been established.

## **10.2 Pharmacodynamics**

Amantadine does not have any appreciable anticholinergic activity; the drug probably exerts a potentiating effect on catecholaminergic, including dopaminergic, neurotransmission in the CNS.

In one study, Amantadine Hydrochloride given IV to dogs reportedly caused release of catecholamines from peripheral nerve storage sites; a similar mechanism for the drug's central activity was proposed.

It has been postulated that Amantadine causes release of dopamine from synaptosomes; however, this may occur only following doses higher than those employed clinically.

There is some evidence that Amantadine, in usual therapeutic concentrations, may exert its antiparkinsonism activity by blocking the reuptake of dopamine into presynaptic neurons, thus causing accumulation of dopamine in the presynaptic clefts of dopaminergic neurons in the basal ganglia. In addition, the drug may cause direct stimulation of postsynaptic receptors.

In animals, several pharmacologic effects resulted from administration of Amantadine Hydrochloride at relatively high doses.

Animal data related to safety pharmacology are summarized as follows:

- In mice, oral doses of 35-40 mg/kg and above produced signs of motor activity stimulation (increased spontaneous motor activity and antagonism of tetrabenazine-induced sedation).

- In dogs, a transient vasodepressor effect, cardiac arrhythmias and a weak ganglionic-blocking effect were observed following intravenous doses of 13.5 mg/kg or above. In the rat and rabbit, EEG activation has been reported with high parenteral doses.
- Relatively high doses of amantadine hydrochloride caused several effects in dog (potentiation of norepinephrine vasopressor response; block of phenethylamine vasopressor response; increase in myocardial contractile force) and mouse (block of norepinephrine uptake into the heart; antagonism of tetrabenazine effects) indicative of a block of uptake of norepinephrine into labile stores.

### 10.3 Pharmacokinetics

The following data describe the ADME profile of amantadine hydrochloride in humans:

- Amantadine is readily absorbed from the GI tract, is not metabolized, and is excreted unchanged in the urine by glomerular filtration and tubular secretion.
- Amantadine passes the blood brain barrier and appears in the saliva and nasal secretions. Amantadine can be detected in the blood and cerebrospinal fluid at relatively low, but dose related levels.
- After oral administration of a single dose of 100 mg, maximum blood levels are reached, based on the mean time of the peak urinary excretion rate, in approximately 4 hours; the peak excretion rate is approximately 5 mg/hr; the mean half-life of the excretion rate approximates 15 hours. Acidification of urine increases the rate of amantadine excretion.

A comparative bioavailability study was performed using normal human volunteers. The rate and extent of absorption of amantadine hydrochloride was measured following a single 100 mg dose of two solid oral formulations of amantadine hydrochloride in healthy volunteers. The results are summarized in the table below.

**Table 2 Pharmacokinetic parameters for amantadine hydrochloride following a single dose (100 mg) of two oral formulations in healthy volunteers\***

	(1)	(2)	
	Symmetrel	pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE 100 mg	Ratio (2)/(1)
<b>AUC (ng.h/mL)</b>	5268.3	5315.2	1.01
<b>C<sub>max</sub> (ng/mL)</b>	258.1	252.2	0.98
<b>T<sub>max</sub> (h)</b>	3.7	3.75	1.01
<b>T<sub>½</sub> (h)</b>	14.06	13.27	0.94

\*The clinical trial data, including the composition of the formulations, are not available.

## Absorption / Distribution / Metabolism / Elimination (ADME)

Amantadine hydrochloride is well absorbed by the oral route in all animal species studied. The rate of excretion of the drug is first order. The monkey and the mouse appear to metabolize it less than other animals (rat, dog and rabbit) and most nearly approximate man. There is no evidence for metabolism of the drug in man. The major route of elimination is via urine. Only the dog has been shown to convert a portion of the administered drug to its N-methyl derivative which is excreted in the urine. No other metabolites have been identified.

## Special Populations and Conditions

- **Pediatrics:** Amantadine pharmacokinetics have not been evaluated in pediatric patients.
- **Geriatrics:** The renal clearance of amantadine hydrochloride is reduced, and plasma levels are increased, in otherwise healthy elderly patients aged 65 years and older. The drug plasma levels in elderly patients receiving 100 mg daily have been reported to approximate those determined in younger adults taking 200 mg daily. Whether these changes are due to the normal decline in renal function or other age-related factors is not known (see [4.2 Special Populations and Conditions, Geriatrics](#)).
- **Sex:** Differences in amantadine pharmacokinetics related to gender have not been evaluated.
- **Ethnic Origin:** Differences in amantadine pharmacokinetics among racial groups have not been evaluated.
- **Hepatic Insufficiency:** Amantadine pharmacokinetics have not been evaluated in patients with hepatic insufficiency.
- **Renal Insufficiency:** Compared with otherwise healthy adult individuals, the clearance of amantadine hydrochloride is significantly reduced in adult patients with renal insufficiency. The elimination half-life increases 2- to 3-fold when creatinine clearance is less than 40 mL/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup> and averages 8 days in patients on chronic maintenance hemodialysis ([4.2 Special Populations and Conditions, Renal Insufficiency](#)).

## 11 STORAGE, STABILITY AND DISPOSAL

### Capsules and Syrup

Store at room temperature (15 to 30°C). Protect from humidity.

Keep out of reach and sight of children.

Bring unused and expired prescription drugs to your local pharmacist for proper disposal.

## PART II: SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION

### 13 PHARMACEUTICAL INFORMATION

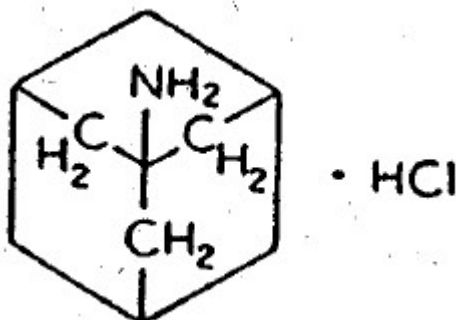
#### Drug Substance

Proper name: Amantadine hydrochloride

Chemical name: 1-adamantanamine hydrochloride

Molecular formula and molecular mass:  $C_{10}H_{17}N.HCl$  / 187.72

Structural formula:



Physicochemical properties: Amantadine hydrochloride is a stable white or nearly white crystalline powder which has a bitter taste and is freely soluble in water and soluble in alcohol.

### 14 CLINICAL TRIALS

The clinical trial data on which the original indications were authorized are not available.

### 15 MICROBIOLOGY

No microbiological information is available.

### 16 NON-CLINICAL TOXICOLOGY

#### General Toxicology:

**Acute toxicity** of amantadine hydrochloride by the oral, intraperitoneal, and intravenous route of administration was determined in several animal species. LD<sub>50</sub> values are presented below:

**Table 3 LD<sub>50</sub> values (95% confidence limits) for amantadine hydrochloride**

Species (sex)	Oral (mg/kg)	Intraperitoneal (mg/kg)	Intravenous (mg/kg)
Mouse (F)	700 (621, 779)	205 (194, 216)	97 (88, 106)
Rat (F)	890 (761, 1019)	223 (167, 279)	
Rat (M)	1275 (1095, 1455)		
Rat, neonatal (M/F)		150 (111, 189)	
Guinea Pig (F)	360 (316, 404)		
Dog (M/F)	>372*		>37
Monkey, rhesus (M)	>500*		
Monkey, African green (F)	>75		
Horse (M/F)	>96		

\* Some emesis occurred; M-Male; F-Female

The toxic signs produced by lethal or near-lethal doses of amantadine hydrochloride in these species were similar. Signs of central nervous system stimulation followed by tremors and brief clonic convulsions were common to the 3 rodent species by all routes of administration. Death was usually preceded by signs of respiratory distress and convulsions. In spite of repeated convulsions, surviving animals appeared to be normal.

All deaths in small animals occurred quite promptly. In mice after intravenous doses of amantadine hydrochloride, death occurred between 7 min. and 2 hours; intraperitoneal doses caused deaths in 15 to 30 min; oral doses between 30 min. and 2 hours. In rats, death occurred 30 min. to 2 hours after intraperitoneal doses and 30 min. to 24 hours after oral doses. In guinea pigs, oral doses of amantadine hydrochloride caused most deaths between 1 and 20 hours, with a single animal dying at 44 hours. In the dog, at 93 mg/kg and above, 3 of 4 vomited and showed all the other signs of central nervous system stimulation, including clonic convulsions, varying in intensity possibly with the amount of drug lost with emesis. One dog, which did not vomit, died at 93 mg/kg.

In rhesus monkeys, amantadine hydrochloride orally caused no deaths at any dose tested and no signs at 80 mg/kg or less.

Acute oral toxicity experiments in mice and subacute oral toxicity studies in rats and monkeys were carried out to study compatibility of amantadine hydrochloride with other types of drugs used for the treatment of Parkinson syndrome. In mice, high doses of oral levodopa, 200 and 400 mg/kg, decreased the acute intraperitoneal LD<sub>50</sub> of amantadine hydrochloride by 10% and 16%, respectively. Oral doses of atropine (4 and 40 mg/kg) had no effect on the acute intraperitoneal LD<sub>50</sub> of amantadine hydrochloride in mice.

**Chronic oral toxicity** experiments with amantadine hydrochloride were carried out with rats, dogs and monkeys.



*Rats:* Duration was 88-94 weeks with amantadine hydrochloride 16, 80, and 100-160 mg/kg administered daily 5 days per week. At the high dose only, a statistically significant decrease in body weight and excess mortality were seen; signs of central nervous system stimulation after each dosing, reduced food intake and susceptibility to infection were noted.

*Dogs:* Duration was 2 years and amantadine hydrochloride levels were 8, 40 and 40-80 mg/kg administered daily 5 days per week. Tremors, hyperexcitability and emesis were seen at the middle and high levels and food intake was reduced. One dog in the middle and three dogs in the high-level group died. In an additional dog experiment, a dose of 30 mg/kg amantadine hydrochloride, divided into two doses six hours apart, was given 7 days per week for 6 months. No drug-related effect was seen.

*Monkeys:* Duration was 6 months and amantadine hydrochloride levels were 10, 40 and 100 mg/kg administered daily 5 days per week. Stimulation was continuously evident in the high level and was seen sporadically in the middle-level group. No other effects were noted.

In none of these experiments (rats, dogs and monkeys) were any Amantadine-related pathological or histo-morphological changes observed.

#### **Carcinogenicity / Genotoxicity:**

No long-term animal studies have been performed to evaluate carcinogenic or mutagenic potential.

#### **Reproductive and Developmental Toxicology:**

Amantadine hydrochloride was administered orally in two separate doses of 120 mg/kg (larger dose group) and 40 mg/kg once a day for 6 successive days from the 9th to the 14th day of pregnancy to nullipara rats of Wistar strain at the age of 3-4 months in order to examine its effects upon the fetus during the final stage of pregnancy and on their post-natal growth. The results indicated a slight retardation of increase in the body weight of dams in the larger dose group, but amantadine hydrochloride had no effect on the nidations at the end of the final stage of pregnancy.

In the larger dose group, however, the mortality rate of the fetus and the drop in body weight of surviving litter mates showed a significant difference from those of the control group, although no deformation was observed in the group. Finally, observations on the growth of the litter mates up to the end of the 6th post-natal week in the spontaneous parturition group indicated that the parturition rate was significantly lower in the larger amantadine hydrochloride dose group than in the control group. Amantadine hydrochloride at the doses tested had no effect on suckling rate, external differentiation, survival rate, auditory senses, mobility and development of gonadal functions or skeletal structure.

Holtzman rats and New Zealand white rabbits were dosed orally with amantadine hydrochloride (0, 50,100 mg/kg) for 5 days prior to mating until day 5 of pregnancy. In rats, but not in rabbits, results of autopsies performed in day 14 of gestation showed significant decreases in the number of implantations and increases in the number of resorptions at

100 mg/kg.

Teratology studies were performed in rats (0, 37, 50 and 100 mg/kg) by administering the drug orally on days 7-14 of gestation. Autopsy was just before expected parturition. Increases in resorption and decreases in the number of pups per litter were noted at 50 and 100 mg/kg. Gross examination of rat pups at these dose levels revealed no malformation at 37 mg/kg (equal to a human dose of 400 mg/day on a mg/m<sup>2</sup> basis). Malformations at 50 and 100 mg/kg (1.5 and 3 times, respectively, a human dose of 400 mg/day on a mg/m<sup>2</sup> basis) included edema, malrotated hindlimbs, missing tail, stunting and brachygnatha. Examination of cleared and alizarin-stained skeletal preparations of fetuses revealed cases of absent ribs and absence of the lumbar and sacral portions of the spinal column in the 50 and 100 mg/kg groups. Thus, in rats but not in rabbits, amantadine hydrochloride seems to be embryotoxic and teratogenic.

In another study doses of 10 mg/kg in the diet had no effect on rat reproduction or lactation or number of live births. At a dose of 32 mg/kg, fertility and lactation indices were depressed.

In another rabbit study three groups of virgin female New Zealand white rabbits were dosed orally with 0.8 or 32 mg/kg of amantadine hydrochloride from day 6 after mating through and including day 16. After 28 days the uterine contents were exposed. Amantadine hydrochloride did not alter the parameters of pregnancy or the observed characteristics of the offspring. The conception rate and incidence of resorption was similar for all groups. Litter weight and fetal loss were unaffected. Total weight and fetal loss were unaffected. Fetal weight was not significantly reduced by either dose of the drug.

## **PATIENT MEDICATION INFORMATION**

### **READ THIS FOR SAFE AND EFFECTIVE USE OF YOUR MEDICINE**

#### **Pr** **pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE CAPSULES**

#### **Amantadine Hydrochloride Capsules**

Read this carefully before you start taking **pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE CAPSULES** and each time you get a refill. This leaflet is a summary and will not tell you everything about this drug. Talk to your healthcare professional about your medical condition and treatment and ask if there is any new information about **pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE CAPSULES**.

#### **What is pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE CAPSULES used for?**

pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE CAPSULES is used:

- to treat the symptoms of Parkinson’s disease in adults. It may also be used to treat extrapyramidal symptoms. This includes involuntary or uncontrollable movements, tremors and muscle contractions.
- to prevent and treat the symptoms of a virus called “Influenza A” in adults and children 1 year of age or older when unable to be vaccinated.

#### **How does pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE CAPSULES work?**

It is not known exactly how amantadine hydrochloride works. When used to treat Parkinson’s disease it is thought to have an effect on the brain and nervous system that help with the symptoms of Parkinson’s disease. When used to prevent or treat “Influenza A” virus, it is thought that amantadine hydrochloride works by interfering with the ability of the virus to infect the body.

#### **What are the ingredients in pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE CAPSULES?**

Medicinal ingredients: Amantadine hydrochloride

Non-medicinal ingredients: FD&C Red 40 (Allura red), gelatin, glycerol, hydrogenated soy bean oil, lecithin, purified water, soy bean oil (refined), titanium dioxide, and yellow bees wax.

#### **pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE CAPSULES comes in the following dosage forms:**

Capsules: 100 mg

#### **Do not use pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE CAPSULES if:**

- you or your child are allergic to amantadine hydrochloride or any of the non-medicinal ingredients in pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE CAPSULES.
- you have very poor kidney function (End Stage Renal Disease). If you are not sure about your kidney function, ask your healthcare professional.

**To help avoid side effects and ensure proper use, talk to your healthcare professional before you take pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE CAPSULES. Talk about any health conditions or problems you may have, including if you:**

- have any liver or kidney diseases.
- have or have had heart problems or heart failure.
- have a history of swelling in the legs or hands (peripheral edema).
- have a history of feeling lightheaded, dizzy or fainting when you stand up from sitting or lying down (orthostatic hypotension).
- have a history of seizures (fits) or epilepsy.
- have a history of eczema (itchy red bumps on the skin).
- have depression, suicidal thoughts, hallucinations, a substance use disorder or other mental problems.
- have glaucoma (eye disease).
- have urges to gamble, increased sexual urges, excessive eating, or spending, and/or other intense urges that could harm yourself or others. These behaviors are called impulse control disorders.
- are taking central nervous system stimulants such as amphetamine and modafinil.
- are pregnant, think you may be pregnant or planning to become pregnant.
- are breast-feeding or planning to breast-feed.
- are 65 years of age or older.
- drive or operate machinery.

**Other warnings you should know about:**

**If you are taking pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE CAPSULES to treat Parkinson's disease:**

- Do NOT stop taking pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE CAPSULES without talking to your healthcare professional first, as it may cause your symptoms to get worse. Suddenly stopping pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE CAPSULES can also cause a life-threatening side effect called neuroleptic malignant syndrome (muscle stiffness with high fever, rapid or irregular heartbeat, sweating, state of confusion or reduced consciousness).
- Suicide attempts, some of which have been fatal, have occurred in some people taking amantadine who had a history of mental illness and some people who did not have a history of mental illness. Amantadine can make psychiatric symptoms in people with a history of mental health problems or a history of substance abuse worse. Talk to your healthcare professional right away if you have changes in your mood, behaviors, or thoughts, including thoughts about hurting or killing yourself.
- Restart normal activities slowly and cautiously. Talk to your healthcare professional if you are not sure.

**Driving and using machines:**

- pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE CAPSULES may cause blurred vision or dizziness. Give yourself time after taking pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE CAPSULES to see how you feel before driving a vehicle or using machinery.

**Pregnancy and birth control:**

- Avoid becoming pregnant while you are being treated with pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE CAPSULES and for at least 5 days after your treatment has stopped. pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE CAPSULES may harm an unborn baby. Your healthcare professional will discuss the potential risks with you.
- Use a highly effective birth control method while you are being treated with pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE CAPSULES and for at least 5 days after stopping your treatment.
- If you discover that you are pregnant while taking pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE CAPSULES, contact your healthcare professional **as soon as possible**. If you are currently taking pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE CAPSULES, you and your healthcare professional will decide if you should continue to take it while you are pregnant.

**Breast-feeding:**

- pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE CAPSULES can pass into your breast milk and harm a breast-fed baby. Therefore, you should not take pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE CAPSULES during breast-feeding.
- Talk to your healthcare professional about the best way to feed your baby while you take pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE CAPSULES.

**Tell your healthcare professional about all the medicines you take, including any drugs, vitamins, minerals, natural supplements or alternative medicines.**

**The following may interact with pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE CAPSULES:**

- Live attenuated influenza vaccine intranasal (nasal flu vaccine)
- Central nervous system stimulants such as amphetamine and modafinil
- Alcohol
- Anticholinergic drugs such as benztropine (used to treat Parkinson's disease)
- Antipsychotic drugs such as chlorpromazine, haloperidol (used to improve disturbed thoughts, feelings or behaviors in certain mental problems)
- Drugs that are used to reduce the acidity of urine such as potassium citrate (UROCIT®-K)

**How to take pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE CAPSULES:**

- Take pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE CAPSULES exactly as your healthcare professional has told you. Check with your healthcare professional if you are not sure.
- Swallow the capsules whole with a drink of water.
- Do not increase or decrease your dose of pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE CAPSULES without first talking to your healthcare professional.
- Do not suddenly stop taking pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE CAPSULES, without first talking to your healthcare professional, because your symptoms may get worse.
- If you are taking antipsychotics (used to treat mental disturbances) and you suddenly stop taking pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE CAPSULES, you may develop a collection of symptoms including: pronounced muscle stiffness or inflexibility with high fever, rapid or irregular heartbeat, sweating, confusion or reduced consciousness. If you develop any of these

symptoms you should contact your healthcare professional immediately.

**Remember:** This medication is for YOU. Never give it to others. It may harm them even if their symptoms are the same as yours.

**Usual dose:**

**If you are taking this drug to treat Parkinson's syndrome:**

- The usual dose is one capsule (100 mg) once a day for the first week. Your healthcare professional may then increase your dose to one capsule twice a day (200 mg per day).
- Your healthcare professional may give you a lower dose if you have certain medical conditions or if you are taking other medication.
- Based on how you respond to and tolerate pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE CAPSULES, your healthcare professional may increase your dose.

**If you are taking this drug to prevent or treat Influenza A:**

**Adults**

The usual daily dose is 200 mg as either:

- Two 100 mg capsules taken as a single dose

**OR**

- One 100 mg capsule taken twice a day

**Children (1 to 18 years of age)**

- Your healthcare professional will decide which dose is right for your child.

**Overdose:**

If you think you, or a person you are caring for, have taken too much pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE CAPSULES, contact a healthcare professional, hospital emergency department, or regional poison control centre immediately, even if there are no symptoms.

**Missed Dose:**

If you missed a dose of this medication, take it as soon as you remember. But if it is almost time for your next dose, skip the missed dose and continue with your next scheduled dose. Go back to the regular dosing schedule. Do not take two doses at the same time.

**What are possible side effects from using pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE CAPSULES?**

These are not all the possible side effects you may have when taking pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE CAPSULES. If you experience any side effects not listed here, tell your healthcare professional.

The most common side effects are:

- nausea or feeling sick

- dizziness or light-headedness
- difficulty sleeping

Other common side effects may include:

- swollen hands, arms, feet, ankles, or legs
- loss of appetite
- anxiety
- depression
- hallucinations (seeing or hearing things that are not there)
- feeling tired / sleepy
- feeling weak
- feeling overexcited
- difficulty concentrating
- feeling nervous
- abnormal dreams
- muscle pain
- headache
- dry mouth
- dry nose
- constipation
- diarrhea
- sweating
- slurred speech
- red-blue patches on the skin
- difficulty emptying your bladder

Serious side effects and what to do about them			
Symptom / effect	Talk to your healthcare professional		Stop taking drug and get immediate medical help
	Only if severe	In all cases	
<b>COMMON</b>			
Changes in mental condition such as hallucinations, depression, worsening of hallucinations or depression	✓		
<b>Orthostatic hypotension:</b> feeling lightheaded, dizzy or fainting after standing up			✓
<b>UNCOMMON</b>			
Blurred vision or other problem with your eyes			✓
<b>Hyperkinesia:</b> abnormal increase in muscle activity and movement		✓	
Vomiting		✓	
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## **PATIENT MEDICATION INFORMATION**

### **READ THIS FOR SAFE AND EFFECTIVE USE OF YOUR MEDICINE**

#### **Pr** **pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE SYRUP**

#### **Amantadine Hydrochloride Oral Solution USP**

Read this carefully before you start taking **pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE SYRUP** and each time you get a refill. This leaflet is a summary and will not tell you everything about this drug. Talk to your healthcare professional about your medical condition and treatment and ask if there is any new information about **pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE SYRUP**.

#### **What is pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE SYRUP used for?**

pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE SYRUP is used:

- to treat the symptoms of Parkinson’s disease in adults. It may also be used to treat extrapyramidal symptoms. This includes involuntary or uncontrollable movements, tremors and muscle contractions.
- to prevent and treat the symptoms of a virus called “Influenza A” in adults and children 1 year of age or older when unable to be vaccinated.

#### **How does pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE SYRUP work?**

It is not known exactly how amantadine hydrochloride works. When used to treat Parkinson’s disease it is thought to have an effect on the brain and nervous system that help with the symptoms of Parkinson’s disease. When used to prevent or treat “Influenza A” virus, it is thought that amantadine hydrochloride works by interfering with the ability of the virus to infect the body.

#### **What are the ingredients in pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE SYRUP?**

Medicinal ingredients: amantadine hydrochloride

Non-medicinal ingredients: Artificial raspberry flavor, citric acid anhydrous, glycerine, methylparaben, propylparaben, purified water, sorbitol solution, sucrose.

#### **pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE SYRUP comes in the following dosage forms:**

Syrup: 10 mg/mL

#### **Do not use pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE SYRUP if:**

- you or your child are allergic to amantadine hydrochloride or any of the non-medicinal ingredients in pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE SYRUP.
- you have very poor kidney function (End Stage Renal Disease). If you are not sure about your kidney function, ask your healthcare professional.

**To help avoid side effects and ensure proper use, talk to your healthcare professional before you take pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE SYRUP. Talk about any health conditions or problems you may have, including if you:**

- have any liver or kidney diseases.
- have or have had heart problems or heart failure.
- have a history of swelling in the legs or hands (peripheral edema).
- have a history of feeling lightheaded, dizzy or fainting when you stand up from sitting or lying down (orthostatic hypotension).
- have a history of seizures (fits) or epilepsy.
- have a history of eczema (itchy red bumps on the skin).
- have depression, suicidal thoughts, hallucinations, a substance use disorder or other mental problems.
- have glaucoma (eye disease).
- have urges to gamble, increased sexual urges, excessive eating, or spending, and/or other intense urges that could harm yourself or others. These behaviors are called impulse control disorders.
- are taking central nervous system stimulants such as amphetamine and modafinil.
- are pregnant, think you may be pregnant or planning to become pregnant.
- are breast-feeding or planning to breast-feed.
- are 65 years of age or older.
- drive or operate machinery.

**Other warnings you should know about:**

**If you are taking pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE SYRUP to treat Parkinson's disease:**

- Do NOT stop taking pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE SYRUP without talking to your healthcare professional first, as it may cause your symptoms to get worse. Suddenly stopping pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE SYRUP can also cause a life-threatening side effect called neuroleptic malignant syndrome (muscle stiffness with high fever, rapid or irregular heartbeat, sweating, state of confusion or reduced consciousness).
- Suicide attempts, some of which have been fatal, have occurred in some people taking amantadine who had a history of mental illness and some people who did not have a history of mental illness. Amantadine can make psychiatric symptoms in people with a history of mental health problems or a history of substance abuse worse. Talk to your healthcare professional right away if you have changes in your mood, behaviors, or thoughts, including thoughts about hurting or killing yourself.
- Restart normal activities slowly and cautiously. Talk to your healthcare professional if you are not sure.

**Driving and using machines:**

- pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE SYRUP may cause blurred vision or dizziness. Give yourself time after taking pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE SYRUP to see how you feel before driving a vehicle or using machinery.

**Pregnancy and birth control:**

- Avoid becoming pregnant while you are being treated with pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE SYRUP and for at least 5 days after your treatment has stopped. pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE SYRUP may harm an unborn baby. Your healthcare professional will discuss the potential risks with you.
- Use a highly effective birth control method while you are being treated with pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE SYRUP and for at least 5 days after stopping your treatment.
- If you discover that you are pregnant while taking pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE SYRUP, contact your healthcare professional **as soon as possible**. If you are currently taking pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE SYRUP, you and your healthcare professional will decide if you should continue to take it while you are pregnant.

**Breast-feeding:**

- pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE SYRUP can pass into your breast milk and harm a breast-fed baby. Therefore, you should not take pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE SYRUP during breast-feeding.
- Talk to your healthcare professional about the best way to feed your baby while you take pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE SYRUP.

**Tell your healthcare professional about all the medicines you take, including any drugs, vitamins, minerals, natural supplements or alternative medicines.**

**The following may interact with pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE SYRUP:**

- Live attenuated influenza vaccine intranasal (nasal flu vaccine)
- Central nervous system stimulants such as amphetamine and modafinil
- Alcohol
- Anticholinergic drugs such as benztropine (used to treat Parkinson's disease)
- Antipsychotic drugs such as chlorpromazine, haloperidol (used to improve disturbed thoughts, feelings or behaviors in certain mental problems)
- Drugs that are used to reduce the acidity of urine such as potassium citrate (UROCIT®-K)

**How to take pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE SYRUP:**

- Take pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE SYRUP exactly as your healthcare professional has told you. Check with your healthcare professional if you are not sure.
- Do not increase or decrease your dose of pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE SYRUP without first talking to your healthcare professional.
- Do not suddenly stop taking pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE SYRUP, without first talking to your healthcare professional, because your symptoms may get worse.
- If you are taking antipsychotics (used to treat mental disturbances) and you suddenly stop taking pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE SYRUP, you may develop a collection of symptoms including: pronounced muscle stiffness or inflexibility with high fever, rapid or irregular heartbeat, sweating, confusion or reduced consciousness. If you develop any of these

symptoms you should contact your healthcare professional immediately.

**Remember:** This medication is for YOU. Never give it to others. It may harm them even if their symptoms are the same as yours.

**Usual dose:**

**If you are taking this drug to treat Parkinson's syndrome:**

- The usual dose is 10 mL (100 mg) once a day for the first week. Your healthcare professional may then increase your dose to 10 mL twice a day (200 mg per day).
- Your healthcare professional may give you a lower dose if you have certain medical conditions or other medication you are taking.
- Based on how you respond to and tolerate pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE SYRUP, your healthcare professional may increase your dose.

**If you are taking this drug to prevent or treat Influenza A:**

**Adults**

The usual daily dose is 200 mg as either:

- 200 mg (20 mL) taken as a single dose

**OR**

- 100 mg (10 mL) taken twice a day

**Children (1 to 18 years of age)**

- Your healthcare professional will decide which dose is right for your child.

**Overdose:**

If you think you, or a person you are caring for, have taken too much pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE SYRUP, contact a healthcare professional, hospital emergency department, or regional poison control centre immediately, even if there are no symptoms.

**Missed Dose:**

If you missed a dose of this medication, take it as soon as you remember. But if it is almost time for your next dose, skip the missed dose and continue with your next scheduled dose. Go back to the regular dosing schedule. Do not take two doses at the same time.

**What are possible side effects from using pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE SYRUP?**

These are not all the possible side effects you may have when taking pms-AMANTADINE HYDROCHLORIDE SYRUP. If you experience any side effects not listed here, tell your healthcare professional.

The most common side effects are:

- nausea or feeling sick
- dizziness or light-headedness
- difficulty sleeping

Other common side effects may include:

- swollen hands, arms, feet, ankles, or legs
- loss of appetite
- anxiety
- depression
- hallucinations (seeing or hearing things that are not there)
- feeling tired / sleepy
- feeling weak
- feeling overexcited
- difficulty concentrating
- feeling nervous
- abnormal dreams
- muscle pain
- headache
- dry mouth
- dry nose
- constipation
- diarrhea
- sweating
- slurred speech
- red-blue patches on the skin
- difficulty emptying your bladder

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Changes in mental condition such as hallucinations, depression, worsening of hallucinations or depression	✓		
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