

Humulin U-500 Insulin

Your healthcare provider may prescribe Humulin U-500 to help manage your diabetes.

When you have diabetes, your body does not make enough insulin or it doesn't use insulin properly.

Injecting Humulin U-500 Insulin can help you keep your blood glucose in a healthy range.

If you inject more than 200 units of insulin each day your healthcare provider may prescribe Humulin U-500 insulin.

Humulin U-500 Insulin is a concentrated amount of insulin. It begins to work within 30 minutes. It works hardest from 2 to 4 hours, and it lasts up to 24 hours.

When taking Humulin U-500 Insulin, one possible side effect is low blood glucose or hypoglycemia.

Because Humulin U-500 Insulin begins to lower your blood glucose quickly, you must be ready to eat within 30 minutes of taking it. Otherwise, your blood glucose could drop too low.

Low blood glucose is a serious side effect and can cause: headache, weakness, a cold sweat or clammy feeling, shakiness, hunger, fast heartbeat, irritability, vision changes, dizziness, and confusion.

If you ignore it, Hypoglycemia can get worse and you can pass out.

Discuss the best ways to deal with Hypoglycemia with your healthcare provider and always carry a fast-acting carbohydrate such as glucose tablets or gel, available at any pharmacy.

When taking Humulin U-500 Insulin, other possible side effects include: allergic reaction; and redness, swelling or itching at the injection site.

Discuss the complete list of side effects with your healthcare provider.

Before using Humulin U-500 Insulin, tell your healthcare provider if you have liver or kidney problems. Your dose may need to be adjusted.

Give your healthcare provider a complete list of all other medications you use. Taking some medications while using insulin can make it harder to tell when you have low blood glucose and can increase your risk of serious heart problems.

Meet with your healthcare provider to determine how much Humulin U-500 Insulin to take and how best to take it. Remember to check your blood glucose as directed before injecting insulin.

Because Humulin U-500 is concentrated it is very important to measure your dose correctly. Even a small change in your measurement could lead to serious side effects.

Know whether your correct dose is in units or milliliters and double check that this matches the measurements on your syringe.

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Always use the same brand and type of syringe so you feel comfortable injecting your dose. If you have any questions, ask your healthcare provider.

Humulin U-500 Insulin should be injected into fatty tissue, just below the skin.

Try to rotate your injection site using a regular pattern, like a clock. This helps keep your skin and underlying tissues healthy.

Store any extra, unopened Humulin U-500 Insulin in your refrigerator. But never keep it in the door, because the temperature there changes each time the fridge is opened.

The Humulin U-500 Insulin you are currently using does not have to be refrigerated, but must be used within 31 days after it is opened. Do not use Humulin U-500 Insulin past the expiration date printed on the bottle or pen.

Never store any insulin in a place that is too hot or too cold or in direct sunlight.

And never use Humulin U-500 Insulin that is yellowish or cloudy.

If you have any questions about Humulin U-500 Insulin, ask your healthcare provider and pharmacist for more information.