Package leaflet: Information for the user

Propofol 20 mg/ml Emulsion for injection/infusion
propofol

Read all of this leaflet carefully before you are given this medicine because it contains important information for you.

- Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.
- If you have any further questions, ask your doctor or pharmacist or nurse.
- If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor or pharmacist or nurse. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. See section 4.

What is in this leaflet:

1. What Propofol 20 mg/ml is and what it is used for

Propofol 20 mg/ml contains an active substance called propofol. Propofol 20 mg/ml belongs to a group of medications that are called general anaesthetics. General anaesthetics are used trigger unconsciousness (a type of sleep), so that surgeries and other treatments can be performed. They can also be used for sedation (so that you are sleepy but are not really sleeping).

Propofol 20 mg/ml is used for

- To put patients to sleep (called induction of anaesthesia) and to keep patients asleep (called maintenance of anaesthesia) in adults and children over 3 years of age,
- Sedation (calming) of ventilated patients over 16 years of age during intensive care,
- • Sedation of adults and children over 3 years of age for surgical and diagnostic procedures, alone or in combination with local or regional anaesthesia (local anaesthetic).

2. What you need to know before you are given Propofol 20 mg/ml

Do not use Propofol 20 mg/ml :

- if you are allergic to propofol, soybeans, peanuts or any of the other ingredients of this medicine (listed in section 6),
- for the sedation of patients aged 16 years or younger as part of intensive care.
- as anaesthesia in children under 3 years of age.

Warnings and precautions
Talk to your doctor, anaesthetist or nurse before using Propofol 20 mg/ml:

- If you have ever had a fit or convulsion.
- If you have ever been told that you have very high levels of fat in your blood.
- If you have ever been told that your body has problems using fat.
- If your body has lost lots of water (hypovolemia).

- If you have any other health problems, such as problems with your heart, breathing, kidneys or liver.
- If you have been generally unwell for some time.
- If you have mitochondrial disease.

You may feel affected after using Propofol. You should therefore be accompanied by someone when you leave the hospital.

Children and adolescent

Propofol 20 mg/ml may not be used in children under 3 years of age, since a corresponding titration of Propofol 20 mg/ml for small children is only able to be carried out with difficulty on account of the extraordinarily small volume required.

Propofol may not be used for sedation in patients 16 years of age or younger during intensive care, since the safety and efficacy of Propofol has not been validated for sedation in this age group.

Elderly
In the case of elderly patients, smaller doses are required for the induction of anaesthesia with Propofol 20 mg/ml . The patient's general state of health and age should be taken into account. The lowered dose should be administered more slowly and titrated according to the reaction.

Other medicines and Propofol 20 mg/ml
Tell your doctor if you are taking/using, have recently taken/used or might take/use any other medicines.

In particular, tell your doctor, anaesthetist or nurse if you are taking any of the following medicines:
- Rifampicin because it can cause low blood pressure in connection with general anesthesia.
- Certain sedative and analgesic medicines such as benzodiazepines and opiates as they may increase the effects of propofol
- Valproate as a reduction in the dose for propofol should be considered if it used concomitantly with propofol

Propofol 20mg/ml with food, drink and alcohol
You may not ingest any alcohol after the administration of Propofol 20 mg/ml .

Pregnancy, breast-feeding
If you are pregnant or breast-feeding, think you may be pregnant or are planning to have a baby, ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before taking this medicine.

Pregnancy
Propofol 20 mg/ml should only be used during pregnancy if absolutely necessary.

Breast-feeding
Studies with breast-feeding women have shown that Propofol passes into breast milk in small quantities. Therefore, mothers should suspend breast-feeding, for up to 24 hours after administration of Propofol and discard the corresponding breast milk.

Driving and using machines
After having propofol, you may still feel sleepy for some time. Do not drive or use any tools or machines until you are sure the effects have worn off.
- If you are able to go home shortly after having Propofol 20 mg/ml, do not drive a car or use any tools or machines.

- Ask your doctor when you can start doing these activities again and when you can go back to work.

Propofol 20 mg/ml contains soya bean oil
Propofol contains soya-bean oil. If you are allergic to peanut or soya, do not use this medicinal product.

Propofol 20 mg/ml contains sodium
This medicinal product contains less than 1 mmol sodium (23 mg) per vial, that is to say essentially 'sodium free'.

3. How you are given Propofol 20mg/ml
Propofol 20 mg/ml will be given to you as an injection or infusion into a vein. This is usually in the back of your hand or in your forearm.

Propofol 20 mg/ml may only be administered by doctors that have been trained in anaesthesiology or intensive care. Sedation or anaesthesia with Propofol 20 mg/ml and the surgical or diagnostic procedure may not be performed by the same person.

You may need several different medicines to keep you asleep or sleepy, free from pain, breathing in a healthy way and to keep your blood pressure steady. The doctor will decide which medicines you need and when you need them.

Dosage
The administered dose varies depending on the age, body weight, the general physical state of health and the premedication. The doctor will use the appropriate dose for induction and maintenance of anaesthesia or for achieveing the required depth of sedation while carefully observing the physical responses and vital signs (pulse, blood pressure, breathing, etc).

If you have any further questions on the use of this medicine, ask your doctor.

4. Possible side effects

Like all medicines, this medicine can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them.

Possible side effects:
The induction and maintenance of anaesthesia and sedation with Propofol is normally gentle with only a few signs of excitation. The most frequently reported side effects are a decrease in blood pressure and impairment of the response from the breathing centre (respiratory depression). The type, severity and frequency of these effects, which were observed in patients that were receiving Propofol, are dependent on the patient's state of health, the type of procedure and the therapeutic measures taken.

The following side effects were particularly observed:

Very common (may affect more than 1 in 10 people)
- Local pain during the first injection

Common (may affect up to 1 in 10 people)
- Spontaneous movements and muscle spasms during induction of anaesthesia, headache during the waking phase
- Slowed pulse
- Decrease in blood pressure

- Condition in which you start to breathe very fast (Hyperventilation) and coughing during induction of anaesthesia, temporary ineffective breathing (respiratory arrest) during induction of anaesthesia
- Hiccups during the induction, nausea and vomiting during the waking phase
- Hot flushes during the induction of anaesthesia

Uncommon (may affect up to 1 in 100 people)
- Clotting of the blood in a part of the circulatory system (Thrombosis) and vein inflammation
- Coughing during maintenance therapy

Rare (may affect up to 1 in 1,000 people)
- Feeling of dizziness, chills and perception of cold during the waking phase
- Episodes similar to epilepsy with seizures and spasm of the muscles causing backward arching of the head, neck, and spine (opisthotonus) during induction, maintenance and the waking phase (very rarely delayed by hours to a few days)
- Coughing during the waking phase

Very rare (may affect up to 1 in 10,000 people)
- Severe allergic reactions (anaphylaxis), which can include angiooedema, respiratory distress due to bronchial cramping, skin redness and a decrease in blood pressure
- Being unconsciousness after operation
- Buildup of fluid in the lungs which can make you very breathless (may also happen when you wake up).
- Inflammation of the pancreas
- Discolouration of urine after longer periods of administration of Propofol 20 mg/ml
- Sexual disinhibition
- Tissue damage
- Fever after surgery

Not known: The frequency cannot be estimated on the basis of the available data
- Excess acid in the blood caused by metabolic functions (metabolic acidosis)
- Elevated potassium values in the blood
- Elevated blood lipid values
- Euphoric mood during the waking phase
- Abuse of the drug and dependency on the drug
- Involuntary movements
- Cardiac arrhythmia
- Heart failure
- Ineffective breathing (Respiratory depression depending on the dosage)
- Liver enlargement
- Dissolution of striated muscle fibres (rhabdomyolysis)
- Kidney failure
- Local pain, swelling after erroneous extravascular application
- Prolonged, often painful erection (priapism)
- ECG changes

After simultaneous administration of lidocaine,the following side effects can occur:
- Dizziness
- Vomiting,
- Drowsiness

- Convulsions
- Bradycardia
- Arrhythmia and
- Shock

Reporting of side effects
If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. You can also report side effects directly via the national reporting system listed in Appendix V. By reporting side effects you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.
United Kingdom
Yellow Card Scheme
Website: www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard

Ireland
HPRA Pharmacovigilance
Website: www.hpra.ie

5. How to store Propofol 20 mg/ml

Keep this medicine out of the sight and reach of children.

Do not use this medicine after the expiry date which is stated on the carton and the vial label after EXP. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.

Store below 25° C.
Do not freeze.

After opening the product must be used immediately.

Containers should be shaken before use.
If two layers can be seen after shaking the emulsion should not be used.
Use only homogeneous preparations and undamaged containers.

For single use. Any unused emulsion must be discarded.
Your anaesthetist and hospital pharmacist are responsible for the correct storage, use and disposal of Propofol.

6. Contents of the pack and other information

What Propofol 20 mg/ml :
The active substance is propofol.

Each ml emulsion for injection/infusion contains 20 mg of propofol.
Each 50 ml vial contains 1000 mg of propofol

The other ingredients are: Soya-bean oil refined, Medium-chain triglycerides, Glycerol, Egg lecithin, Sodium oleate, Sodium Hydroxide (for pH adjustment) and Water for injections.

What Propofol 20 mg/ml looks like and the content of the pack
White oil-in-water emulsion for injection/infusion.
This medicinal product is supplied as:

Emulsion for injection/infusion in colourless glass vial (type II glass) with grey bromo butyl rubber stopper.

Pack sizes:
Colourless glass vial (type II) of 50 ml with a grey bromobutyl rubber closure, packs of 1 and 10 unit

Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

Marketing Authorisation Holder
United Kingdom:
Baxter Healthcare Limited
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This medicinal product is authorized in the Member States of EEA under the following names:

CMS country_Names_	
CMS country	**Invented Names**
Germany (RMS)	Propofol Baxter 20 mg/ml MCT Emulsion zur Injektion/Infusion
Austria	Propofol Baxter 2% (20 mg/ml) MCT Emulsion zur Injektion/Infusion
Czech Republic	Anesia 20 mg/ml injekční/infuzní emulze
Denmark	Profast 20mg/ml, injektions- og infusionsvæske, emulsion
Estonia	Anesia
Finland	Profast 20 mg/ml injektio-/infuusioneste, emulsio
France	PROPOFOL BAXTER 20 mg/ml, emulsion injectable/pour perfusion
Hungary	Anesia 20 mg/ml emulziós injekció vagy infúzió
Ireland	Propofol 20mg/ml Emulsion for Injection/infusion
Italy	Rapiva 20 mg/ml emulsione iniettabile e per infusion
Latvia	Anesia 20 mg/ml emulsija injekcijām/infūzijām
Lithuania	Anesia 20 mg/ml injekcinė/infuzinė emulsija
Netherlands	Propofol Spiva 20 mg/ml, emulsie voor injectie of infusie
Norway	Profast 20 mg/ml injeksjons-/infusjonsvæske, emulsjon
Poland	Propofol Baxter 20mg/ml, emulsja do wstrzzykiwań/ do infuzji
Portugal	Propofol Baxter 20 mg/ml emulsão injectável ou para perfusão
Romania	Profast 20mg/ml emulsie injectabila/perfuzabila
Sweden	Profast 20 mg/ml injektionsvätska/infusionsvätska, emulsion

Slovenia	Anesia 20 mg/ml emulzija za injiciranje ali infundiranje
UK	Propofol 20 mg/ml Emulsion for injection/infusion

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Medical information leaflet

The following information is only intended for healthcare professionals.

This informational leaflet is an abbreviated form of the summary of product characteristics (SPC). Please consult the full SPC for further information.

Instructions for handling

Propofol 20 mg/ml may only be administered by doctors that have been trained in anaesthesiology or intensive care. Sedation or anaesthesia with Propofol 20 mg/ml and the surgical or diagnostic procedure may not be performed by the same person.

The heart, circulation and breathing should be continuously monitored (e.g. ECG, pulse oxymetry). The customary equipment for possible accidents during anaesthesia or sedation must be ready for use at all times.

Instructions regarding shelf life after opening or after preparation
Chemical and physical in-use stability has been demonstrated for 12 hours at 25°C.

After opening the product must be used immediately.

For single use only. Any unused emulsion must be discarded.

Instructions for use
Prior to removing the emulsion, the rubber stopper must be cleaned with alcohol spray or a swab dipped in alcohol.

The vials should be shaken before use.

Propofol 20 mg/ml is administered intravenously in undiluted form from glass containers or plastic syringes.

Propofol 20 mg/ml does not contain any antimicrobial preservation media, and growth of microorganisms is facilitated due to its composition.

The emulsion must be drawn into a sterile syringe or a sterile administration device under aseptic conditions immediately after breaking the seal on the vial. The administration must be started **immediately**.

Strict asepsis must be adhered to both for Propofol 20 mg/ml and for the infusion equipment used during the period of infusion. The addition of drugs or fluids into the ongoing infusion of Propofol 20 mg/ml must occur in close proximity to the cannula. When using Propofol 20 mg/ml , no bacteria filters may be used.

In the case of simultaneous parenteral nutrition, the fat administered with Propofol 20 mg/ml should be taken into account. 1.0 ml Propofol 20 mg/ml contains 0.1 g of fat.

The duration of an infusion of Propofol 20 mg/ml from **one** infusion system may not exceed 12 hours, as is customary for fat emulsions. At the end of the infusion, but after 12 hours at the latest, residual quantities of Propofol 20 mg/ml and the infusion system may not be further used; if necessary, the infusion system must be changed out.

Propofol 20 mg/ml must not be mixed with other solutions for injection and infusion. However, co-administration of Propofol together with glucose 50 mg/ml (5%) solution for injection, sodium chloride 9 mg/ml (0.9%) solution for injection or sodium chloride 1.8 mg/ml (0.18%) and glucose 40 mg/ml (4%) solution for injection and preservative-free lidocaine 10 mg/ml (1 %) solution for injection via a Y-connector close to the injection site is possible.
For an infusion, an infusion pump or a volumetric pump should be employed.

To reduce pain at the injection site, Propofol should be administered in a larger vein or lidocaine injection solution may be administered before induction of anaesthesia with Propofol.

The muscle relaxants Atracurium and Mivacurium should not be administered through the same intravenous access as Propofol 20 mg/ml without first rinsing it out.

The content of a vial and the infusion system are only intended for a **single** use in **one** patient. Any unused emulsion must be discarded.

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Anaesthesia for adults
Induction of anaesthesia
For the induction of anaesthesia, Propofol 20 mg/ml is administered, titrated at a speed of 20 - 40 mg Propofol every 10 seconds, until unconsciousness occurs. Most adults less than 55 years of age would normally require a total dose of 1.5 - 2.5 mg Propofol/kg of body weight.
For patients in risk groups ASA III and IV, especially in the case of prior cardiac damage and elderly patients, it may be necessary to reduce the total dosage of Propofol 20 mg/ml down to 1 mg Propofol/kg of body mass, whereby Propofol 20 mg/ml is administered at a slower infusion speed (approximately 20 mg Propofol every 10 seconds).

Maintenance of anaesthesia
For maintenance of anaesthesia by means of continuous infusion, the dosage and infusion speed must be adjusted for each individual. Normally, the dosage is 4 - 12 mg Propofol/kg of body mass per hour in order to maintain a satisfactory level of anaesthesia.
In the case of elderly patients in a poor general state of health or with hypovolemia and patients in the risk groups ASA III and IV, the dosage may be reduced down to 4 mg Propofol/kg of body mass per hour.

Anaesthesia in children from 3 years of age
Induction of anaesthesia
For the induction of anaesthesia, Propofol 20 mg/ml is titrated slowly until clinical signs can be seen that indicate the start of anaesthesia.
The dose should be adjusted based on the age and/or body weight. Most children over 8 years of age require approximately 2.5 mg Propofol/kg of body mass for induction of anaesthesia. In the case of younger children, the required dose may be higher (2.5 - 4 mg Propofol/kg of body mass). Lower doses are recommended for patients in the risk groups ASA III and IV.

Maintenance of anaesthesia
Maintenance of the required depth of anaesthesia can be achieved with the administration of Propofol 20 mg/ml by means of an infusion. The required dosage rates vary considerably among patients, however a satisfactory state of anaesthesia is normally achieved at doses in the range of 9 - 15 mg

Propofol/kg of body mass per hour. In the case of younger children, the required dose may be higher. Lower doses are recommended for patients in the risk groups ASA III and IV. There is not sufficient information available yet regarding use in children under 3 years of age.

Sedation of patients over 16 years of age during intensive care.
For the sedation of ventilated patients during intensive care, Propofol 20 mg/ml should be administered as a continuous infusion. The dosage is based on the desired depth of sedation. Normally, the desired depths of sedation can be achieved with doses in the range of 0.3 - 4.0 mg Propofol/kg of body mass per hour. Propofol 20 mg/ml may not be used for the sedation of children aged 16 years or younger as part of intensive care.
The administration of Propofol 20 mg/ml by means of a TCI system is not recommended for sedation as part of intensive care.

Sedation of adults for surgical and diagnostic procedures
During the administration of Propofol 20 mg/ml , the patient must be continually monitored for signs of a decrease in blood pressure, respiratory tract obstruction and oxygen deficiency and the customary emergency equipment for accidents must be kept ready.
For induction of anaesthesia, generally 0.5 - 1.0 mg Propofol/kg of body mass are administered for 1 - 5 minutes. For the maintenance of anaesthesia, the dosage is determined based on the desired depth of sedation and is generally in the range between 1.5 and 4.5 mg Propofol/kg of body mass per hour.
A lower dosage and slower administration may be necessary for patients in risk groups ASA III and IV. A lower dosage may be necessary in patients over 55 years of age.

Sedation of children from 3 years of age for surgical and diagnostic procedures
The dosage and the periods between doses are selected based on the required depth of sedation and the clinical response. For the induction of sedation, a dose of 1 - 2 mg Propofol/kg of body weight is necessary for most children. Maintenance of the sedation is achieved with the titration of Propofol 20 mg/ml via an infusion until the desired depth of sedation is reached. For most patients, 1.5 - 9 mg Propofol/kg of body mass per hour is required.
Lower doses may be necessary for patients in the risk groups ASA III and IV.

Propofol 20 mg/ml may not be used for the sedation of children aged 16 years or younger as part of intensive care.

Overdose

An overdose can lead to circulatory and respiratory depression. Apnoea requires artificial ventilation. In the case of circulatory depression, the usual measures should be taken of lowering the head position and/or plasma substitution and vasoconstrictors.

Duration of use

Propofol 20 mg/ml may only be used in a patient for a maximum of 7 days.