

# Duratocin(R)

Carbetocin

## Consumer Medicine Information

### What is in this leaflet

This leaflet answers some common questions about DURATOCIN.

It does not contain all the available information. It does not take the place of talking to your doctor.

All medicines have risks and benefits. Your doctor has weighed the risks of you having DURATOCIN against the benefits they expect it will have for you.

**If you have any concerns about taking this medicine, ask your doctor.**

#### Keep this leaflet

You may need to read it again.

### What Duratocin is used for

DURATOCIN is used to minimise post delivery bleeding in women who have delivered their baby by Caesarean section under epidural or spinal anaesthesia.

In some women, following delivery by Caesarean section, the uterus (womb) fails to contract quickly enough which increases the risk of bleeding. Drugs which act directly on the uterus causing it to contract, are used to minimise post delivery bleeding and are sometimes called oxytocic agents because they act in a similar manner to oxytocin.

DURATOCIN contains carbetocin, a substance which is an oxytocic agent and causes the uterus to contract.

**Ask your doctor if you have any questions about why this medicine has been prescribed for you.**

Your doctor may have prescribed it for another reason.

DURATOCIN is available only with a doctor's prescription. It is not addictive.

### Before you have Duratocin

#### When you must not have it

**You must not have DURATOCIN:**

- \* **if you are allergic to carbetocin, the active ingredient, or to any of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet.**
- \* **if you are allergic to any medicines containing oxytocin.**

Some of the symptoms of an allergic reaction may include shortness of breath, wheezing or difficulty breathing; swelling of the face, lips, tongue or other parts of the body; rash, itching or hives on the skin.

**You must not have DURATOCIN:**

- \* **during pregnancy or any time before delivery of the baby.**
- \* **if you are suffering from a serious heart disease.**
- \* **if you are a child.**

Safety and effectiveness in children has not been established.

#### Before you have it

**Tell your doctor if you have allergies to any other medicines, foods, preservatives or dyes.**

**Tell your doctor if you have or have had any of the following medical conditions:**

- \* severe heart disease
- \* high blood pressure
- \* liver or kidney problems
- \* problems with blood clotting
- \* disease of a gland
- \* gestational diabetes (diabetes that starts during pregnancy)
- \* epilepsy
- \* migraine
- \* asthma

**If you have not told your doctor about any of the above, tell him/her before you have DURATOCIN.**

#### Taking other medicines

**Tell your doctor if you are taking any other medicines, including any that you get without a prescription from your pharmacy, supermarket or health food shop.**

### How Duratocin is given

DURATOCIN is a medicine that is used only in hospital and should only be administered by qualified staff.

DURATOCIN will be given to you by injection into one of your veins immediately after the delivery of your baby by Caesarean section under epidural or spinal anaesthesia.

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## Side effects

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**Tell your doctor or nurse immediately if you do not feel well after you have DURATOCIN.**

All medicines can have side effects. Sometimes they are serious, most of the time they are not. You may need medical attention if you get some of the side effects.

The most frequently reported side effects are:

- \* nausea (feeling sick) or vomiting
- \* stomach pain
- \* itching
- \* flushing or feeling of warmth
- \* feeling light headed, dizzy or faint
- \* headache
- \* tremor.

Infrequent side effects include:

- \* back pain
- \* dizziness
- \* metallic taste
- \* signs of anaemia, such as tiredness, being short of breath and looking pale
- \* sweating
- \* chest pain
- \* fast heart beat
- \* shortness of breath
- \* chills
- \* anxiety

Tell your doctor or nurse if you notice anything else that is making you feel unwell. Other side effects not listed above may also occur in some people.

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## Product description

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### ***What it looks like***

DURATOCIN is a clear colourless solution in a 1mL clear glass ampoule with a white identification ring and a blue dot.

### ***Ingredients***

DURATOCIN contains 100 mcg of carbetocin as the active ingredient. It also contains:

- \* sodium chloride
- \* acetic acid-glacial
- \* water for injections

This medicine does not contain lactose, sucrose, gluten, tartrazine or any other azo dyes.

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### ***Distributor***

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