

Meropenem Kabi

Consumer Medicine Information (CMI) summary

The [full CMI](#) on the next page has more details. If you are worried about using this medicine, speak to your doctor or pharmacist.

1. Why am I using Meropenem Kabi?

Meropenem Kabi contains the active ingredient Meropenem trihydrate. Meropenem Kabi is used in adults and children to treat certain serious infections caused by bacteria. For more information, see Section [1. Why am I using Meropenem Kabi?](#) in the full CMI.

2. What should I know before I use Meropenem Kabi?

Do not use if you have ever had an allergic reaction to MEROPENEM KABI or any of the ingredients listed at the end of the CMI.

Talk to your doctor if you have any other medical conditions, take any other medicines, or are pregnant or plan to become pregnant or are breastfeeding.

For more information, see Section [2. What should I know before I use Meropenem Kabi?](#) in the full CMI.

3. What if I am taking other medicines?

Some medicines may interfere with Meropenem Kabi and affect how it works.

A list of these medicines is in Section [3. What if I am taking other medicines?](#) in the full CMI.

4. How do I use Meropenem Kabi?

Meropenem Kabi is given as an injection by a doctor or trained nurse. More instructions can be found in Section [4. How do I use Meropenem Kabi?](#) in the full CMI.

5. What should I know while using Meropenem Kabi?

Things you should do	- Remind any doctor, dentist or pharmacist you visit that you are using Meropenem Kabi. - If you develop severe diarrhea, tell your doctor, nurse or pharmacist immediately. Do this even if it occurs several weeks after you have been given Meropenem Kabi. - Do not take any medicine for your diarrhea without checking with your doctor first.
Things you should not do	- Do not take any medicine for your diarrhea without checking with your doctor first - Do not miss any follow-up appointments with your doctor following treatment with Meropenem Kabi.
Driving or using machines	Be careful when driving or operating machinery until you know how Meropenem Kabi affects you.
Looking after your medicine	The hospital staff will store Meropenem Kabi in a safe place at a temperature below 25°C. They will check that the expiry date has not passed.

For more information, see Section [5. What should I know while using Meropenem Kabi?](#) in the full CMI.

6. Are there any side effects?

Common side effects are Pain, swelling or redness around the injection site, Nausea and/or vomiting, Diarrhoea, Skin rash, Itchiness.

For more information, including what to do if you have any side effects, see Section [6. Are there any side effects?](#) in the full CMI.

Meropenem Kabi

Active ingredient(s): Meropenem trihydrate

Consumer Medicine Information (CMI)

This leaflet provides important information about using Meropenem Kabi. **You should also speak to your doctor or pharmacist if you would like further information or if you have any concerns or questions about using Meropenem Kabi.**

Where to find information in this leaflet:

- [1. Why am I using Meropenem Kabi?](#)
- [2. What should I know before I use Meropenem Kabi?](#)
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1. Why am I using Meropenem Kabi?

Meropenem Kabi contains the active ingredient Meropenem trihydrate. Meropenem Kabi is an antibiotic belongs to a group of medicines called carbapenem antibiotics. These medicines work by killing the bacteria that are causing your infection.

Meropenem Kabi is used in adults and children to treat certain serious infections caused by bacteria, such as: Infections of the lungs, Infections of the kidney or bladder (urinary tract infection), Febrile neutropenia, Infections around the stomach or bowel, Infections of the female reproductive tract, Serious skin infections, Infections in the lining of the brain (meningitis), Infections in the blood stream (septicemia).

2. What should I know before I use Meropenem Kabi?

Warnings

Do not use Meropenem Kabi if:

- you are allergic to Meropenem trihydrate or any of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet.
- you are allergic to any other carbapenems, penicillins or other beta lactam antibiotics
- Always check the ingredients to make sure you can use this medicine.

Check with your doctor if you:

- have any other medical conditions

- have allergies to any other medicines, foods, preservatives or dyes
- have or have had any of the following medical conditions:
 - Gastrointestinal or stomach problems, particularly colitis
 - Liver or kidney problems, including dialysis
- take any medicines for any other condition

During treatment, you may be at risk of developing certain side effects. It is important you understand these risks and how to monitor for them. See additional information under Section [6. Are there any side effects?](#)

Pregnancy and breastfeeding

Check with your doctor if you are pregnant or intend to become pregnant.

Talk to your doctor if you are breastfeeding or intend to breastfeed.

3. What if I am taking other medicines?

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

Some medicines may interfere with Meropenem Kabi and affect how it works. These include:

- Probenecid - a medicine used to treat gout
- Sodium valproate/ valproic acid/ valpromide is not recommended for use with Meropenem.
- Oral anticoagulants- e.g warfarin. Your blood results may be affected.

Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure about what medicines, vitamins or supplements you are taking and if these affect Meropenem Kabi.

4. How do I use Meropenem Kabi?

How much to take/use

- Meropenem Kabi can be given directly into the vein or the drip without any need for an injection through the skin. It is given either as a slow injection over approximately 5 minutes or as a slow drip over 15 to 30 minutes. Your doctor will decide which is best for you.
- Your doctor will decide what dose of Meropenem Kabi you will need depending on certain factors such as your type of infection and your age. The usual dose is 500mg to 1g injected every 8 hours.

- If you have meningitis you may require more, while a lower dose may be used for children or if you have kidney problems.

When to take / use Meropenem Kabi

Meropenem Kabi is injected into your vein. It must always be given by a doctor or nurse.

If you are given too much Meropenem Kabi

As Meropenem Kabi is given to you under the supervision of your doctor it is very unlikely that you will receive too much. However, if you experience any severe side effects after being given Meropenem Kabi,

You should immediately:

- phone the Poisons Information Centre (by calling 13 11 26), or
- contact your doctor, or
- go to the Emergency Department at your nearest hospital.

You should do this even if there are no signs of discomfort or poisoning.

5. What should I know while using Meropenem Kabi?

Things you should do

- If you develop severe diarrhoea, tell your doctor, nurse or pharmacist immediately. Do this even if it occurs several weeks after you have been given Meropenem Kabi. It may mean that you have a serious bowel condition and you may need urgent medical attention.
- If you are about to have blood tests, tell your doctor that you are being treated with this medicine. It may interfere with the results of some tests.
- Remind any doctor, dentist or pharmacist you visit that you are using Meropenem Kabi.

Things you should not do

Do not take any medicine for your diarrhoea without checking with your doctor first.

Driving or using machines

Be careful before you drive or use any machines or tools until you know how Meropenem Kabi affects you.

Meropenem has been associated with headache, tingling or prickling skin and convulsions / seizures (fits). Any of these could affect your ability to drive or operate machines.

Looking after your medicine

The hospital staff will store Meropenem Kabi in a safe place at a temperature below 25°C. They will check that the expiry date has not passed.

Disposal

The hospital staff will dispose of any unused Meropenem Kabi.

6. Are there any side effects?

All medicines can have side effects. If you do experience any side effects, most of them are minor and temporary. However, some side effects may need medical attention.

See the information below and, if you need to, ask your doctor or pharmacist if you have any further questions about side effects.

Less serious side effects

Less serious side effects	What to do
• Pain, swelling or redness around the injection site • Nausea and/or vomiting • Diarrhoea • Skin rash • Itchiness	Speak to your doctor if you have any of these less serious side effects and they worry you.

Serious side effects

Serious side effects	What to do
• Severe diarrhoea, even if it occurs several weeks after you have been given Meropenem Kabi. • Allergic reactions - symptoms 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. • Convulsions / seizures (fits) • Unexpected breathlessness and/or red/brown urine - this may indicate damage to your red blood cells.	Call your doctor straight away, or go straight to the Emergency Department at your nearest hospital if you notice any of these serious side effects.

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you notice anything else that may be making you feel unwell.

Other side effects not listed here may occur in some people.

Reporting side effects

After you have received medical advice for any side effects you experience, you can report side effects to the Therapeutic Goods Administration online at

www.tga.gov.au/reporting-problems. By reporting side effects, you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

Always make sure you speak to your doctor or pharmacist before you decide to stop taking any of your medicines.

7. Product details

This medicine is only available with a doctor's prescription.

What Meropenem Kabi contains

Active ingredient	Meropenem trihydrate
Other ingredients (inactive ingredients)	sodium carbonate
Potential allergens	Meropenem trihydrate

Do not take this medicine if you are allergic to any of these ingredients.

What Meropenem Kabi looks like

Meropenem Kabi is White powder for injections

Meropenem Kabi powder for injection 500mg (20mL vial):
AUST R 196965

Meropenem Kabi powder for injection 1g (20mL vial):
AUST R 196966

Who distributes Meropenem Kabi

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