

Further information and help

If you have any questions regarding your appointment time or the examination your doctor/ healthcare professional has asked for, please contact the Radiology Department.

Radiology Department

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Open: Monday-Friday from 8.30am-5pm

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Omnipaque 300 Oral



Patient information leaflet

What is Omnipaque?

Omnipaque is a contrast medium (dye) which contains iodine and is for diagnostic use only.

It is used to show clearly on x-rays the area of the body your doctor wants to investigate. For this CT scan it will be in your intestines.

A CT information leaflet is included with your appointment letter.

How do I take Omnipaque?

You have been provided with a 50ml bottle of Omnipaque which can be taken orally. This is to be diluted in 150 mls of water.

Please take at the times stated on your appointment letter.

When should it not be taken?

You should not take Omnipaque if you:

- are hypersensitive to iodine
- have a known allergy to iodine
- are, or think you may be, pregnant.

If you are subsequently tested for a thyroid disorder, always tell your doctor. Omnipaque may make the test or treatment less effective for several weeks.

Despite being manufactured to be used as an injectable medicine, it can also be safely drunk as a solution when diluted.

Possible side-effects

Like all medicines, Omnipaque can cause side-effects, although not everybody gets them. Serious reactions (including anaphylaxis) are only seen on rare occasions.

Effects associated with Omnipaque are usually mild to moderate and are temporary in nature.

If you notice any of the following symptoms, **STOP** taking the Omnipaque:

- Itching of the skin, rash, weal's on the skin (urticaria)
- Difficulty breathing, gagging, feeling of suffocation
- Swelling of the face, neck or body
- Itchy or watery eyes, tickling in the throat or nose, hoarseness, coughing or sneezing
- Headache, dizziness, feeling faint
- Feeling particularly hot or cold, sweating
- Paleness or reddening of the skin
- Chest pain, cramp, tremor
- Feeling sick.

These may be the first sign of an allergic reaction, and you may require treatment.

If you are taking the Omnipaque at home, contact your GP or if the symptoms are severe, call **999** immediately. If you are in hospital inform staff immediately.

Apart from the symptoms listed opposite, other side effects you may experience are:

- diarrhoea
- nausea
- vomiting
- abdominal pain.

Taking other medications

You can continue to take your regular prescribed medication(s) with Omnipaque, unless instructed otherwise.

How to store Omnipaque

- Keep out of reach and sight of children.
- Do not use after the expiry date on the bottle.
- Store at or below 30 degrees Celsius and protected from light.
- Check that the bottle is sealed and undamaged.

Further information

- Keep retain this leaflet for future use.
- If you have any further questions, please contact the Radiology Department using the contact number on your appointment letter.
- If any of the side-effects become serious, or you notice any side-effects not listed in this leaflet, please inform your doctor or the staff in the Radiology Department.