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AMANTADINE **Symmetrel (and many others)**

STRENGTH: 100 mg tablets and oral solutions

ROUTE OF ADMINISTRATION: ORAL. May be given with or without food.

ACTION OF MEDICATION: NMDA receptor blocker, used in the treatment of chronic pain. Best used when combined with other pain relievers.

MOST COMMON SIDE EFFECTS REPORTED: Diarrhea, gas, agitation which generally resolve with use. Dry mouth, increased heart rate also possible.

SEVERE SIDE EFFECTS REPORTED: Veterinary experience is limited but drug interactions could increase the dry mouth/increased heart rate issues. Animals with pre-existing kidney disease, seizure disorders, or glaucoma could experience worsening of their conditions. Dosage adjustment may be needed.

STORAGE: Keep away from light and store at room temperature.

IF YOU MISS A DOSE: Do not double up on the next dose. Simply give the medication when it is remembered or pick up with the next dose, allowing at least the proper interval between doses according to the label instructions.

OTHER INFORMATION: Expect 7-10 days of use before effectiveness can be judged.

Amantadine typically takes 2-3 weeks of use before its effectiveness can be judged.

For a more detailed presentation, visit:

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