

This information is a summary only. It does not contain all information about this medicine. If you would like more information about the medicine you are taking, check with your doctor or other health care provider. No rights can be derived from the information provided in this medicine leaflet.

### What KONAKION is used for

KONAKION contains the active ingredient phytomenadione. KONAKION is used to treat excessive bleeding problems. KONAKION belongs to a group of medicines called Vitamin K. Vitamin K substances are used to treat excessive bleeding problems and work by reversing some of the causes of excessive bleeding. This risk of bleeding is usually caused by the use of too much medication to prevent blood clots (also known as anticoagulant medication). There are many different types of medicines used to treat bleeding disorders. KONAKION belongs to one of these groups. Your doctor, however, may have prescribed KONAKION for another purpose. Ask your doctor if you have any questions about why KONAKION has been prescribed for you.

### Before you receive KONAKION

When you must not have it  
Do not have KONAKION if:

1. You have had an allergic reaction to KONAKION, any other type of Vitamin K or any ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet.

Some 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
- If you use this medicine after the expiry date has passed it may not work as well

2. You are pregnant or plan to become pregnant.

3. The ampoule is damaged or shows signs of tampering.

4. The expiry date (EXP) printed on the pack has passed.

If you use this medicine after the expiry date has passed it may not work as well.

5. The solution is cloudy or separated.

If you are not sure if you should be receiving KONAKION, talk to your doctor.

Do not give KONAKION to children less than one year of age.

KONAKION is for use in adults. KONAKION Paediatric is recommended for use in children under one year of age.

### Before you receive KONAKION:

Tell your doctor if:

1. You are pregnant or plan to become pregnant.

It is not known whether KONAKION is harmful to an unborn baby when used by a pregnant woman. You must not use KONAKION if you are pregnant or plan to become pregnant.

2. You are breast-feeding or plan to breast-feed.

KONAKION may pass into breast milk. It is not known what effect KONAKION may have on your baby. Your doctor will discuss the risks and benefits of you receiving KONAKION while you are breast-feeding.

3. You have any other health problems including:

- Liver disease.

4. You are allergic to any other medicines, foods, dyes or preservatives.

If you have not told your doctor about any of the above, tell them before you start receiving KONAKION.

### Taking other medicines

Tell your doctor if you are taking any other medicines including any that you have bought from a pharmacy, supermarket or health food shop.

Some medicines may interfere with KONAKION. These medicines include:

- Warfarin (Coumadin®, Marevan®), a medicine used to prevent blood clots
- Phenindione (Dindevan®), a medicine used to prevent and treat blood clots
- Some medicines used to treat epilepsy
- Aspirin and other salicylates
- Some cephalosporin antibiotics
- Some medicines used to treat tuberculosis

These medicines may be affected by KONAKION, or may affect how well it works. You may need to use different amounts of your medicine, or you may need to take different medicines. Your doctor will advise you.

Ask your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure about this list of medicines.

### How to take KONAKION

Follow all directions given to you by your doctor or pharmacist carefully. They may differ from the information contained in this leaflet.

### How much to take

KONAKION should be used exactly as your doctor has prescribed. KONAKION is given as an injection or as a liquid for you to swallow. Your doctor will decide which is the best way for you to receive KONAKION. If you receive KONAKION as an injection your doctor will usually prescribe a single injection or short course of injections. You may also receive it as a liquid to swallow.

### How to use it

KONAKION is usually given as an injection into a vein by a doctor or nurse.

If you receive KONAKION as a liquid to swallow it will be administered with a suitable measuring device. It should be followed with a drink such as water.

### How long to take it

Your dose or length of therapy may be adjusted according to your blood clotting response. KONAKION may be given as a single injection or a short course of injections. You may then receive a course of oral Vitamin K depending on your response.

### If you take too much (overdose)

Immediately tell your doctor, or go to Accident and Emergency at your nearest hospital, if you think that you may have received too much KONAKION, even if there are no signs of discomfort or poisoning. You may need urgent medical attention. If you are not sure what to do, contact your doctor or pharmacist. Keep telephone numbers for these places handy.

## **While you are taking KONAKION**

### **Things you must do**

Tell all doctors, dentists and pharmacists who are treating you that you are taking KONAKION.

Tell your doctor if you feel the injection is not helping your condition.

Be sure to keep all of your appointments with your doctor so that your progress can be checked.

### **Things you must not do**

Do not take any other medicines whether they require a prescription or not without first telling your doctor or consulting a pharmacist.

### **Things to be careful of**

Be careful driving or operating machinery until you know how KONAKION affects you.

However, KONAKION is not expected to affect your ability to drive a car or operate machinery.

### **Side effects**

Tell your doctor or pharmacist as soon as possible if you do not feel well while you are receiving KONAKION .

KONAKION helps most people with bleeding problems but it may have unwanted side effects in a few people.

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

Ask your doctor or pharmacist to answer any questions you may have.

### **Tell your doctor if you notice any of the following and they worry you:**

- Irritation, soreness or redness near the injection site.
- Unusual taste, flushing or sweating.

Tell your doctor or nurse immediately or go to Accident and Emergency at your nearest hospital if you notice any of the following:

- An allergic reaction (which may include rash, swelling or breathing difficulties).

This is a serious side effect. You may need urgent medical attention. Serious side effects are rare.

Side effects would usually occur within hours of the dose being administered.

This is not a complete list of all possible side effects. Others may

occur in some people and there may be some side effects not yet known.

Tell your doctor if you notice anything else that is making you feel unwell, even if it is not on this list.

### **Ask your doctor or pharmacist if you don't understand anything in this list.**

Do not be alarmed by this list of possible side effects. You may not experience any of them.

### **After KONAKION is given**

#### **Storage**

KONAKION will be stored in the pharmacy, or at the doctors surgery. It is kept in a cool dry place where the temperature stays below 25°C.

KONAKION should be protected from light.

Product description

#### **Availability**

KONAKION comes in one adult strength: 10 mg/1 mL.

KONAKION comes in packs of 5 ampoules.

KONAKION is also available as a paediatric strength injection.

#### **Active ingredient:**

- phytomenadione (also called Vitamin K1).
- each 1mL ampoule contains 10 mg of phytomenadione.