

# Emergency medical information

I am receiving a medication called **BACLOFEN**. It reduces my severe spasticity. This medication is stored in a implanted drug pump and is delivered through a catheter into my spinal column. The pump is metal and may set off metal detection alarm systems.

### Signs of overdose:

*Symptoms may appear suddenly or gradually*

- Drowsiness
- Lightheadedness/dizziness
- Somnolence
- Respiratory depression
- Hypothermia
- Seizures
- Rostral progression of hypotonia
- Loss of consciousness progressing to coma

### Signs of withdrawal:

- Exaggerated rebound spasticity and muscle rigidity
- Rhabdomyolysis and multiple organ failure
- The condition may resemble
  - Autonomic dysreflexia
  - Infection (sepsis)
  - Malignant hyperthermia
  - Neuroleptic malignant syndrome

### Signs of underdose:

- Pruritus without rash
- Hypotension
- Paraesthesia
- Fever and altered mental state
- Priapism may develop or recur if treatment with intrathecal baclofen is interrupted

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## Actions if symptoms of overdose or underdose appear:

- Seek emergency medical attention immediately
- Rapid, accurate diagnosis and treatment are important to prevent potential life-threatening effects of intrathecal baclofen withdrawal
- Maintain airway/breathing/circulation
- Give the enclosed Emergency Procedure Card for baclofen injection to the nearest emergency physician

## Have the emergency physician call my physician:

Physician name: \_\_\_\_\_

Job title: \_\_\_\_\_

Hospital: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

When ITB is mentioned, we are considering Intrathecal baclofen (an anti-spastic) administered by an intrathecal drug delivery pump therapy. Medtronic provides only the intrathecal drug delivery pump and the catheter; the intrathecal baclofen is provided by an external company. Information contained herein does not replace the recommendations of healthcare professionals. For further information, contact healthcare professionals.