

**PART III: CONSUMER INFORMATION****SEVORANE<sup>®</sup>  
sevoflurane**

This leaflet is part III of a three-part "Product Monograph" published when SEVORANE<sup>®</sup> was approved for sale in Canada and is designed specifically for Consumers. This leaflet is a summary and will not tell you everything about SEVORANE<sup>®</sup>. Contact your doctor or pharmacist if you have any questions about the drug.

- Barbiturate anesthetics (e.g. Pentothal)
- Non-barbiturate anesthetics (e.g. Propofol)
- Benzodiazepines (e.g. Valium, Versed)
- Opioids (e.g. Morphine, Codeine)
- Halogenated anesthetics
- Neuromuscular blocking agents (e.g. Vecuronium, Nimbex, Succinylcholine)

**ABOUT THIS MEDICATION****What the medication is used for:**

SEVORANE<sup>®</sup> is a general anesthetic used during surgery.

**What it does:**

SEVORANE<sup>®</sup> causes unconsciousness, muscle relaxation, and loss of sensation over the entire body so that surgery can be performed.

**When it should not be used:**

SEVORANE<sup>®</sup> should not be used in patients who:

- are allergic to sevoflurane or other halogenated agents
- have experienced liver problems, jaundice, unexplained fever, or certain types of inflammation reactions after a previous halogenated anesthetic administration
- if your physician has told you that you are susceptible to malignant hyperthermia

**What the medicinal ingredient is:**

sevoflurane

**What the nonmedicinal ingredients are:**

The finished product is composed solely of the active ingredient, sevoflurane.

**What dosage forms it comes in:**

SEVORANE<sup>®</sup> is available as a volatile liquid that is 99.9875% pure.

**WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS**

Recovery of consciousness following SEVORANE<sup>®</sup> administration generally occurs within minutes. As with other anesthetics, small changes in moods may persist for several days following administration.

Performance of activities requiring mental alertness, such as operating a motor vehicle or hazardous machinery, may be impaired for some time after general anesthesia.

**INTERACTIONS WITH THIS MEDICATION**

Drugs that may interact with SEVORANE<sup>®</sup> include:

**PROPER USE OF THIS MEDICATION****Usual dose:**

The proper dose is determined by a doctor trained in the administration of general anesthesia.

**SIDE EFFECTS AND WHAT TO DO ABOUT THEM**

Known side effects include: feeling agitated, increased cough, nausea, and vomiting.

You should talk to your anesthesia professional prior to surgery if you are aware of any of the following conditions:

- You have difficulty with intubations
- You are susceptible to malignant hyperthermia
- You are taking medications, nonprescription medications, or herbal medicines.
- you have kidney or liver problems
- you are pregnant or nursing

## SERIOUS SIDE EFFECTS AND WHAT TO DO ABOUT THEM

After exposure to SEVORANE<sup>®</sup>, you should contact your physician or anesthesia professional if you have any of the following reactions:

Chills  
Difficulty Breathing/Choking  
Dizziness  
Elevated Rise in Blood Glucose, if measured  
High Blood Pressure  
Hives  
Jaundice/Yellowing of the Eyeballs  
Low Blood Pressure, if measured  
Mild to Severe Allergic reactions  
Rapid Heartbeat  
Rash  
Seizures/Seizure-like activity  
Severe Itching  
Slow Heartbeat  
Sudden fever with stiffness, pain and weakness in your muscles  
Wheezing

*This is not a complete list of side effects. For any unexpected effects while taking SEVORANE<sup>®</sup>, contact your doctor or pharmacist.*

## REPORTING SUSPECTED SIDE EFFECTS

To monitor drug safety, Health Canada through the Canada Vigilance Program collects information on serious and unexpected side effects of drugs. If you suspect you have had a serious or unexpected reaction to this drug you may notify Canada Vigilance:

By toll-free telephone: 866-234-2345  
By toll-free fax: 866-678-6789  
On-line: [www.healthcanada.gc.ca/medeffect](http://www.healthcanada.gc.ca/medeffect)  
By email: [CanadaVigilance@hc-sc.gc.ca](mailto:CanadaVigilance@hc-sc.gc.ca)

By regular mail:  
Canada Vigilance National Office  
Marketed Health Products Safety and  
Effectiveness Information Division  
Marketed Health Products Directorate  
Health Products and Food Branch  
Health Canada  
Tunney's Pasture, AL 0701C  
Ottawa ON K1A 0K9

*NOTE: Before contacting Canada Vigilance, you should contact your physician or pharmacist.*

## MORE INFORMATION

This document plus the full product monograph, prepared for health professionals can be found at:  
<http://www.abbott.ca>  
or by contacting the sponsor, Abbott Laboratories, Limited, at: 1-800-699-9948.

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