



AMICAR Facts Sheet

What is Amicar?

- ❖ **Generic name: Aminocaproic acid**
*(*although generic form is no longer manufactured as of 2015)*
- ❖ **Pharmacologic category:**
Antifibrinolytic agent, hemostatic agent

What is it used for?

- ❖ **Prolonged mucosal bleeding**
 - Nosebleeds
 - Mouth bleeding
 - Heavy menstrual bleeding
 - Bleeding from cuts or scrapes
- ❖ **Surgical procedures:**
 - Dental extraction, Tonsillectomy, etc.
 - Other surgeries

How does it work?

- ❖ Controls bleeding by slowing the breakdown of clots and keeping clots in place.



How is it used?

- ❖ Intravenously or orally. Comes in 500mg and 1 g tablets or 250mg/5mL oral solution.
- ❖ Dose is 50-100mg/kg 3x/day, or as frequently as every 6 hours depending on bleeding severity
- ❖ Dosing can be adjusted by provider to treat bleeding or minimize side effects
- ❖ Off label uses: Intranasal spray, topical application (applied to gauze and applied directly to bleeding site)

Possible Side Effects:

- ❖ Nausea, vomiting, dizziness, headache, stomach pain, diarrhea, dizziness
- ❖ The provider should be contacted if these symptoms are severe or persist.

Important Facts:

- ❖ Do NOT take Amicar if there is blood in the urine, as this could be a symptom of kidney obstruction

For further questions regarding Amicar, please see [package insert](#) or contact the **Rhode Island Hemostasis & Thrombosis Center** at 401-444-8250 Monday-Friday 8:30am-5pm. After hours/weekends/holidays, please call 401-444-4000 and ask for the pediatric or adult hematologist on-call to be paged