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.