Medicine Safety and You
Heparin

New medicine:
Heparin

Use:
Treats and prevents blood clots. Used to prevent heart attacks in patients with unstable angina or mild heart attacks.

Potential side effects:
- Bleeding problems
- Irritation where shots given
- Weakened bones with long term use
- Severe allergic reactions can occur (rare)

All medicines have the potential to produce effects other then the intended use of the medicine. The chance of experiencing a side effect depends on the medicine, how it is used, what other medicines a person is taking, and individual traits such as age, weight, and other diseases. Some people have no side effects, some mild, some severe.

If you experience any of these side effects tell your doctor or nurse right away.

Important information:
Tell your doctor if you have an allergy to heparin or a history of bleeding problems. Contact your doctor immediately if you experience unusual bleeding or bruising, fall and hit your head, Call if you have severe dizziness, passing out, severe headache, or swelling or pain of the legs or arms.

Please speak up at any time if you have any questions or concerns.