

SUMMARY OF PRODUCT CHARACTERISTICS

1. NAME OF MEDICINAL PRODUCT

PAMIRAY 370 vial for injectable solution

2. QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE COMPOSITION

Active ingredient:

1 ml solution contains 755,2 mg iopamidol equivalents to 370 mg iodine.

Excipient(s):

Disodium calcium edetate (0,39 mg). For excipients, refer to 6.1.

3. PHARMACEUTICAL FORM

Injectable solution

Clear, colorless or light yellow solution, free from visual particulates.

4. CLINICAL PROPERTIES

4.1. Therapeutic indications

Non-ionic radiographic contrast substance which dissolves in water for only diagnostic purposes.

Neuroradiology

- Myelogram
- Cysternography,
- Ventriculography

Angiography

- Cerebral arteriography
- Coronary arteriography
- Thoracic aortography
- Abdominal aortography
- Angiocardigraphy
- Selective visceral arteriography
- Peripheral arteriography
- Venography

Digital subtraction angiography (DSA)

- DSA for cerebral arteries,
- DSA for peripheral arteries,
- DSA for abdominal arteries.

Urography

- Intravenous urography

Other indications

- Contrast increasing in BT,
- Arthrography
- Phystulography
- Hysterosalpingography

4.2. Posology and administration route

Posology/ administration frequent and time: Dosage and administration rate can change depends on administration route, clinical problem, technic, monitoring area, equipments as well as age, body weight and conditions of patients (renal function, cardiac function, etc.). Dosages are described with volume (ml), each kilogram (kg), each injection or kilogram body weight for especially pediatrics. Most lowest and effective dosage must be given.

Neuroradiology

	Concentration (mg I/ml)	Recommended dosage (ml)
Myelographic	300	5-15
Cysternography and ventriculography	300	3-15

Angiography

	Concentration (mg I/ml)	Recommended dosage (ml)
Cerebral arteriography	300	5-10 for each bolus
Coroner arteriography	370	8-15 for each bolus
Angiocardiography	370	1,0-1,2/kg
Thoracic aortography	370	1,0-1,2/kg
Abdominal aortography	370	1,0-1,2/kg
Selective visceral arteriography	300-370	Depends on vascular area to be examined.
Peripheral arteriography	300-370	40-50
Digital subtraction angiography	370	Depends on vascular area to be examined.
Venography (flebography)	300	30-50

Ürography

Recommended dosage for this type examination is 30-50 ml for adults. Osmotic-diuresis occurring with non-ionic agents results in suitability of PAMİRAY for newborns and patients with light or middle degree renal insufficiencies. This new contrast substance provides useful nephrography diagnosis in patients with major renal insufficiency.

Other diagnostic processes

	Concentration (mg I/ml)	Recommended dosage (ml)
Increasing contrast for BTscanning	300-370	0,5-2/kg
Artrography	300	
Phystulography	300	
Hysterosalpingography	300-370	5-20

For increasing contrast in BT scanning, PAMIRAY must inject by intravenous route as bolus or drop infusion or combination of these two methods.

While administration of infusion is restricted by old generation BT equipments, bolus administration is recommended for spiral BT and new multislice (multiple sections) BT scoping contrast increasing in arterial phases.

While infusion recommends for slow equipments, bolus injection is recommended for rapid equipments. Like hysterosalpingography, artrography and phystulography, total dosage to be injected depends on age and body weight of patient and clinical conditions.

Administration route: Solution of contrast substance for intravascular and intratecheal usage must heat until body temperature.

Before using, examine product regarding to be sure for damages on cap and closure.

Contrast solution must withdraw under aseptic conditions with sterile syringes. Intravascular or intratecheal administration with or without catheters and canulles must conduct under maximum aseptic conditions. Vial must use immediately after first opening. Discard of unused contrast substances.

In case of repeatable usage for equipments, special precautions must be given to be sure of residual purifier and residual contamination. Like other contrast substances with iodine, PAMIRAY can interact with metallic surface containing copper (example; brass) and so, contrast substance must not use with equipments containing copper.

Additional information regarding to special populations

Renal insufficiency: Refer to "Posology/administration route and time" section under head of "Urography" .

Renal insufficiency: There is no special condition regarding to usage in patients with liver insufficiency.

Pediatric population: PAMIRAY 300 injectable solution is recommended especially for pediatric urography in newborns and patients with renal insufficiency.

Geriatric population: Dosage arrangement does not require.

4.3. Contraindications

- Hypersensitivity to active ingredient, water soluble contrast substance, iodine or other excipients,

- Intrathecal administration: Intrathecal administration of iopamidol with corticosteroids is contraindicated. (refer to "**4.5. Interaction with other medicines and other interaction types**").
- Because of over dosage risks, repetition of immediate myelography is contraindicated in technical inadequacy.
- Hysterosalpingography: Evaluation of women's genital system is contraindicated for pregnant women, bearing pregnant women or acute inflammations (refer to "**4.6. Pregnancy and lactation**").

4.4. Special precautions and warnings for usage

Crystallization can occur rarely in iopamidol solutions. Reasons of these phenomena are damaged or broken vials. So, product must not use.

Usage of contrast substance is restricted to exactly indicated cases for diagnosis.

Usage of contrast substance in cardioangiography must perform only in hospital or intense care units with enough equipments by authorized personnel.

In other routine diagnosis by contrast substance, required medicines and equipments must available for resuscitation in radiology department (ambu balloon, oxygen tubes, antihistaminics, vasopressor medicines, cortisone).

PAMIRAY contains less than 1 mmol sodium in each dosage (23 mg). We accepted that product does not contain sodium.

Usage in special populations

Newborns, children

Especially newborns (age < 1 year) are sensitive to electrolyte unbalancing and hemodynamic changes. Special care must be given to be using dosage, details of procedure and patient conditions.

Geriatrics

Especially when higher dosages are needed and in geriatrics are under special risk group with regarding to reactions occurring because of decreasing physical functions. In these patients, occurring possibilities of myocard ischemias, major arrhythmias and premature ventricular complexes are more higher. Possibility of acute renal insufficiency is much higher in these patients.

Women with child bearing potential

In women with child bearing potential, suitable examinations must perform and precautions must taken during any tests with or without contrast substance.

Conditions results in increasing serious adverse effects

In following conditions, careful risk/benefit evaluation must perform before administration of product because of increasing risks of adverse events. Patients under risk of adverse events are patients with allergy history (bronchial asthma, hay fever, food allergy) or suspicious reactions showed in the past to contrast substance or iodine.

Patients with Waldenström paraproteinemia, multiple myeloma or serious renal or liver function insufficiencies are under higher risk group. In these cases, enough hydration is recommended after administration of contrast substance. Radiological examination of patients with hyperthyroidism, must perform until clearly needed.

In case of thyroid tests by radioactive labelled iodine, iodine uptake will decrease for 1-2 days or two weeks after dosage of contrast substance with iodine eliminated by renally.

Renal function disabilities can trigger acute renal dysfunction after administration of contrast substance. Preventative measurements are: Determination of high risk grouped patients, enough hydration must be provided before administration of contrast substance and IV infusion and during procedure until clearance of contrast substance, nephrotoxic medicines must not be given, major operation and renal angioplasty must not be performed until clearance of contrast substance, examinations with new contrast substance must be postponed until returning of renal functions to past conditions.

Patients under dialysis, removable contrast substance like PAMIRAY can be used.

Before administration of hypertonic contrast solution liquid intake must be restricted and arranged to prevent liquid-electrolyte imbalance. Water intake must not be restricted in newborns and children and liquid-electrolyte imbalance must be corrected before administration of hypertonic contrast substance.

Diabetic patients with renal damage is a factor providing acute renal insufficiency after administration of intravascular contrast substance. Lactic acidosis can be rapid in patients using biguanides. (Refer to "**4.5. Interactions with other medicines and other interaction types**" section).

When contrast substance is injected by intravenous or intraarterial, oracletation may increase in homozygous person for oraclet cell disease. Enough hydration is recommended.

Administration in patients with pheochromocytoma, heavy hypertensive crisis can occur during administration of contrast substance (rarely out of control).

Administration of contrast substance with iodine exacerbat symptoms of myasthenia gravis. Like other contrast substance, risks of neurologic complications are more higher in patients with symptomatic cerebrovascular disease, new arrest, transient ischemic attack, chronic intracranial hemorrhage and changing permeability of blood-brain barrier, cerebral oedema, acute demyelination, epilepsy history.

Neuroradiology

In case of spinal liquid blockage, contrast substance must be removed as soon as possible.

Patients with convulsions, anticonvulsant treatment must continue before radiologic procedure and after these procedures.

In case of occurring convulsive crisis during procedure, administration of intravenous diazepam or phenobarbital are recommended.

Intratecheal administration

Risk/benefit ratio must be evaluated carefully in case of epilepsy history before clinic anamnesis or blood is available in cerebrospinal liquid or local-systemic infections with bacteraemia possibilities.

Administrator must evaluate diagnostic requirement for patient in these type cases.

After completing direct cervical or lumbo-cervical procedure:

- Head of table must stand up (45° angle) for two minutes, so contrast substance goes to caudal end.
- Patients must avoid heavy and especially active movements during first hours. Close monitoring of patients must be required, patient must be calm and at stand up position of his head in his bed.
- If possible patient must take liquids by orally and eat meal.

Angiography

Risks related to this special evaluation can increase with advanced arteriosclerosis and hypertension.

In patients to be performed angiocardiographic procedure, special care must be given to right heart and pulmonary circulation. Insufficiency of right heart and pulmonary hypertension can accelerate bradycardia and systemic hypotension during injection of organic iodine solution.

When contrast substance injects into cardiac rooms, special care must be given to cyanotic newborns with cardiac function abnormality and pulmonary hypertension.

In patients with congestive cardiac insufficiency, special care must be given to potential increasing of circulatory osmotic loading because of accelerating pulmonary oedema during injection.

In evaluations of aortic cavity, catheter extremity must be inserted carefully to prevent CNS damage, bradycardia, hypotension depending on over pressure transmitting to brachiocephalic branch of aorta.

Intraarterial injections of contrast substance may cause vasospasm and cerebral ischemic phenomena.

Over pressure transmitting with injector pump in abdominal angiography can cause necrosis, intestinal infarctus, retroperitoneal bleeding, lesions in spinal ducts, renal infarctus.

Administration of PAMIRAY 370 mg/ml injectable solution in patients to be performed peripheral angiography can cause non-appearance pain with 300 mg/ml concentration.

In vitro showed that inhibitory effects of non-ionic contrast substance on hemostatic mechanism is more lower than ionic contrast substance with same concentration.

Because of this, sensitive angiographic techniques like close monitoring of canules and catheters, usage of three sided valve and distribution systems, frequent cleaning of catheters with heparinized serum physiologic, decreasing of procedure timing.

4.5. Interactions with other medicines and other interaction types

Diabetic patients treating with biguanid class oral antidiabetics, biguanids must stop for 48 hours after administration of contrast substance to prevent lactic acidosis and re-start after showing renal functions returning to previous values (refer to "4.4. Precautions and warnings for special usage" section).

In cardiac or/and hypertensive patients under treatment with diuretics, ACE inhibitors, beta blocker agents, risks of adverse events are much higher during administration of contrast substance with iodine.

In patients under treatment with immunomodulators like interleukins-2 and interferons, allergic type reactions are seen more frequently and these show late type reactions.

Intratecheal administration

Intratecheal administration of iopamidol with corticosteroids are contraindicated. Patients with known convulsive disease, anticonvulsant treatment continue before myelographic procedures and after these procedures. Because of decreasing seizure threshold, neuroleptics must be avoided.

These conditions are valid for also analgesics, antiemetics, antihistaminics or sedative medicines which in phenothiazin group. When it is possible, treatment with these medicines must stop before minimum 48 hours from radiologic analysis and treatment must start after 24 hours.

Alcoholism or drug dependence increase permeability of blood-brain barrier. This is resulted in CNS disfunctions by facilitating penetration of iodine agents to brain tissues. Special care must be given to possible decreasing of seizure threshold.

Additional information related to special population: Interaction studies related to special population are not performed.

Pediatric population: Interaction study related to pediatric population is not conducted.

4.6. Pregnancy and lactation

General recommendation

Pregnancy category is B.

Womens with child bearing potential/ Contraception

In patients with child bearing potential suitable evaluations must perform and precautions must taken during any tests with x-rays with or without contrast substance.

Pregnancy period

Clinical data related to pregnant women administered iopamidol are not available. Animal studies are not shown any demonstrations related to damages on fetus/embryo or fertility disfunctions. Special care must given to pregnant women when contrast substance is prescribed. Histerosalpingography: Analysis of women genital system is contraindicated in pregnant women, child bearing women and acute inflammation (refer to "**4.3. Contraindications**" section).

Lactation period

It is not known whether iopamidol excreted to human milk or not. In spite of there was not informed serious adverse events in newborns, special care must given when iopamidol is administered to lactating women because most of injectable contrast substances enter to mother milk.

Reproducing abilities/ Fertility

Animal studies are not shown any demonstrations related to damages on fetus/embryo or fertility disfunctions.

4.7. Effects on driving and using machinery

There is not known effects on driving and using machinery. Furthermore, it is recommended that driving and using machinery must avoided for 1 hour later from last injection because of early reaction risks.

4.8. Side Effects

Usage of iodine compounds causes unexpected side effects. Adverse reaction against iopamidol can occur approximately 0,7 patients per billion. These side effects are generally mild or low degree; but rarely these may be serious or can cause death.

Symptoms are nausea, vomiting, headache, fever or rinitis. Immediate medical care can require for more serious side effects related to cardiovascular side effects like vasodilatation with apparent hypotension, tachycardia, dyspnea, agitation, cyanosis, memory loss. In most cases adverse event occur within 1-2 minutes after administration. Furthermore, late type reactions like cutaneous reactions may occur after 7 days or after 2-3 days from administration.

Anaphylaxis

Anaphylactic reactions/hypersensitivity can be seen for followings: light localised or more diffused angioneurotic oedema, oedema in tongue, laryngospasm or larynx oedema, dysphasia, pharyngitis and narrowing in throat, pharyngolaryngeal pain cough, conjunctivitis, rinitis, sneezing, hot flushes, asthenia, dizziness, pale face dyspnea, wheezing, bronchospasm and mild hypotension. Skin reactions can occur like different type urticaria, common erythema, common blister, urticaria or pruritis. Independent from administered dosage and administration route occurring these side effects may be representative symptoms of shock. In these cases, administration of contrast substance must stop and specific treatment should initiate by venous route.

Emergent treatment can require for serious reactions related to cardiovascular system like vasodilatation with apparent hypotension, tachycardia, dyspnea, agitation, cyanosis and syncope. Pain and swelling at injection site can occur. In rare cases, penetrating of contrast substance to extra vascular area may cause inflammation, skin necrosis and compartment syndrome. Serious skin pathology:

Like other contrast substances with iodine, rarely mucocutaneous syndroms like Stevens-johnson syndrome, toxic epidermal necrosis (Lyell syndrome) and erytem multiforme were informed after iopamidol administration. Addition to mentioned side effects above, there are more specific adwers events for different administration routes in stated at below table.

Very common (> 1/10); common (> 1/100- < 1/10); non-common (> 1/1.000 -< 1/100); rare (> 1/10.000- < 1/1.000); very rare (< 1/10.000), not known (can not predict from available data).

Intravascular administration

System organ class	Very rare (<1/10.000)	Isolated cases
Blood and lenphoidic system disease	Trombocytopenia	
Metabolism and nutrition disorders	Anorexia, asidosis	
Psychiatric disorders	Confusion	
Nervous system disorders	Headache, vasovagal sencop, transitient ischemic attack, amnesia, suspected memory level or memory loss, coma, paraesthesia, dizziness, pralysis, tremor, convulsion, involuntary muscle contractions, somnelance, disturbance in tasting behaviour	Parestesia
Eye disorders	Vision defeating, increasing lacrimal liquids, pruritis in eyes, conjunctivitis, photophobia, transitient blindness	
Ear and labyrinth disorders	Earing defects	Transitient progressive deafness
Cardiac disorders	Tachycardia, bradycardia, myocard ischemia orinfractus, cardiac insufficiency, angina pectoris, cardiac-breathing arrest, sianosis. Cardiac rytm defects like ventricular bigemini, extracystoller, atrial fibrilation, ventricular tachycardia, ventricular fibrilation can occur generally after procedures of cardiac angiographic and coroner catheteterisation.	

Vascular disorders	Hemodynamical changes like hypotension, hypertension, circulation collaps, thrombophlebitis, arterial spasm, skin pruritis, vasodilatation, thromboembolism and paling	Arterial thrombosis, phlebotrombosis
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Respiratory, thoracic and mediastinal disorders	Dyspnea, breathing difficulties, asthma, apnea, narrowing in throats, cough, breathing congestion, sneezing, rhinitis, defects on breathing rhythm, pulmonary oedema, larynx oedema, cardiac arrest, cardiac insufficiency, acute breathing insufficiency syndrome	
Gastrointestinal disorders	Nausea, vomiting, severe discomfort, abdominal pain, excessive or low salivation, increasing of salivary gland	
Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders	Increasing of sweating, urticaria, pruritus, periorbital oedema, skin oedema	
Muscle- skeleton system and ligament tissue disorders	Back pain, muscle spasm, muscle pain, muscle cramps, muscle insufficiency	
Renal and urinary disorders	Transient renal insufficiency, acute renal insufficiency, anuria, oliguria, urinary incontinence, pain in urinary system, hematuria	Urinary retention
General disorders and injection site disorders	Increasing fever, shivering, fatigue, general pain, chest pain, feeling difficulty in chest, hot flushes or feeling cold Injection site reactions are characterised by injection pain or/and erythema and/or swelling.	
Investigations	Increasing of ventricular preload, ST segmental depression, changes in electrocardiogram, abnormal electrocardiogram, increasing T wave amplitude in electrocardiogram, decreasing systolic blood pressure, transient defects in renal function tests, abnormal blood electrolytes	QT prolonging in electrocardiogram
Injuring, poisoning and procedural complications	As a result of procedure, coronary artery dissection and peripheral embolism may occur.	Following axillary artery puncture damages on brachial plexus. As a result of procedural damage, vascular pseudoaneurysm is informed.

Intrateacheal administration

Because of administration route, side effects after myelography are result in slow absorption from injection site and distribution to all body after 1-2 hours later from administration. Reactions generally can occur within 24 hours later from injection. Adverse events are informed at below table.

System organ class	Very rare (<1/10.000)	Isolated cases
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Infections and enfections	Aseptic meningitis As a result of procedure damage, bacterial meningitis is seen.	
Metabolism and nutrition disorders	Acidosis	
Psychiatric disorders	Confusion, orientation disorders, hallucination, depersonalisation, anxiety, depression, uneasiness, eczema, agitation, transient psychosis	Emotional distress
Nervous system disorders	Dizziness, headache, suspended memory level or memory loss, syncope, hypoesthesia, paresthesia, cervical root pain, meningitis, radiculitis, amnesia, somnolence, burning feel, Guillain-Barre syndrome, nervous system dysfunctions, ataxia, paralysis, convulsion, hypertonia, hypotonia, tremor, dysphagia, myelitis, involuntary muscle contractions, muscle spasticity, sensorimotor dysfunction, radiculopathy or cauda equina syndrome, peripheral neuropathy.	
Eye disorders	Extraocular muscle dysfunctions, increasing lacrimation, pruritus in eyes, conjunctivitis, photophobia	Transient vision dysfunctions
Eye and labyrinth disorders	Transient progressive deafness, hearing dysfunctions	Tinnitus
Cardiac disorders	Tachycardia, cyanosis	Arrhythmias
Vascular disorders	Skin flushes, hypertension, peripheral coldness	
Respiratory, thoracic and mediastinal disorders	Dyspnea, stopping inhalation, breathing arrest	Apnea
Gastrointestinal disorders	Nausea, vomiting	Diarrhea
Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders	Increasing sweating	
Muscle-skeleton system and connective tissue disorders	Back pain, muscle-skeleton system pain, muscle cramp, pain at extremities	Muscle weakness
Renal and urinary disorders	Acute renal insufficiency, urinary retention, urinary incontinence	Renal insufficiency, oliguria, hematuria
General disorders and injection site reactions	Weakness, tiredness, shivering, increasing fever, irritability	
Investigations	Abnormal blood electrolytes	Transient defects in renal function tests

Urography

Informed reactions at intravenous urography are explained at top of the section.

Other tests

Informed reaction at arthrography and phystilography cases are generally shown irritative symptoms added to available tissue inflammation. During histerosalpingography, vaso-vagal reactions may occur.

4.9. Over dosages and treatment

There is no any informed cases related to over dosages.

Most of advers events (refer to "**4.8. Side effects**" section) do not depend on dosage and because of this medical care are needed like mentioned in "**4.4. Special usage precautions and warnings**" section.

In case of wrongly administered dosage, hidratation of patient must be enough to facilititate elimination of dosage by renally.

In renal disfuction cases occured in the past or after administration of contrast substance, hemodialysis must perform for elimination.

5. PHARMACOLOGICAL PROPERTIES

5.1. Pharmacodynamic properties

Pharmacotherapeutic group: non-ionic radiographic contrast substance with low osmolarity.

ATC code: V08AB04

Iopamidol is radioopac substance soluble in water. It has low toxicity and there is no teratogenic effects.

Results of studies in dogs are showed that iopamidol at two or four times higher from administration dosage for clinical usage can cause light hypertension and increasing breathing numbers following transitient bradycardia and hypotension. These effects are reversed to normal after 2-4 minutes from stopping treatment.

Results of prospective study with Multislice BTare showed that nephropathy incidence was very low at dosage equivalentents to 40 g iodine in patients with mild or heavy renal disfunction (creatinin clarence was between 10-59 ml/minute/1,73 m²) after intravenous administration and BT analysis and also there were no any differences between non-ionic isoosmolar dimer and non-ionic monomer iopamidol with low osmolality.

Serum creatinin was equivalent to 0,5 mg/dl or was not more much higher with iopamidol. In 3,9%-4,0 patients treated with iopamidol or non-ionic dimer showed 25% or more much higher increasing of creatinin clarence according to basal values.

In patients analysed by cardioangiographic tests with iopamidol, nephropathy incidency related to contrast substance were seen similar to incidence seen after non-ionic isoosmolar dimer.

5.2. Pharmacokinetic properties

Metabolism: Iopamidol is not metabolism in animals and humans much more.

After iopamidol injection, elimination is mainly by renally. In dogs, 93%-95 of dosage is eliminated by renally, 0,5% is eliminated by ballast within 7-10 hours. More than 90% administered dosage for humans is eliminated by renally within 24 hours. In eliminatin stage half life of blood level is approximately 60 minutes in dogs and 90-120 minutes in humans. After intratecheal administration steadt state plasma level can obtain within 90-150minutes and total elimination occur within 24 hours.

5.3. Pre-clinic safety data

According to conventional investigations conducted related to pre-clinical data, human pharmacology, genotoxicity and reproductive toxicity, there is no special risk.

6. PHARMACEUTICAL PROPERTIES

6.1. List of excipients

Trometamol (Tromethamine)
Disodium calcium edetate
Diluted hydrochloric acid
Water for injections

6.2 Incompatibilities

Do not mix with other contrast substances except for heparin.

6.3 Shelf life

36 months

6.4 Precautions for storage

Protect from strong light. Store at below 25 °C.

6.5 Nature and contents of packaging

Type 1 according to European Pharmacopea, 50, 100 and 200 ml, one glass vial containing injectable solution with bromobutyl rubber closure.

6.6 Discarding of remaining parts of medicines and precautions for discarding

Unused products or discarding materials must discard suitable procedures according to "Guideline on medicinal garbage" and "Control guideline on packaging and packaging garbage".

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