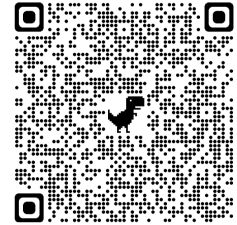


# Intrathecal Baclofen Pump Safety Information

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## **IMPORTANT BACLOFEN PUMP SAFETY INFORMATION**

An overdose (too much medication) or withdrawal (too little medication) of baclofen is serious and can be life threatening. Call your child's medical provider or go to the nearest emergency room right away if your child experiences any of the symptoms below. Make sure you keep your child's scheduled refill visits to prevent running out of medication.

## **WARNING SIGNS OF WITHDRAWAL**

If your child experiences one or more signs of baclofen withdrawal, call their medical provider immediately for emergency care and go to the emergency room. Early warning signs of withdrawal include:

- Increased muscle tone/stiff or rigid muscles that don't relax
- Itching
- Fever
- Tachycardia (fast heart rate)
- High blood pressure

## **WARNING SIGNS OF OVERDOSE**

If your child experiences one or more of the warning signs of baclofen overdose, call their medical provider immediately and go to the emergency room. Signs of baclofen overdose include:

- Decreased or "floppy" muscle tone
- Sleepiness
- Difficulty waking up
- Shallow breathing
- Slow breathing
- Low blood pressure

## **HOW TO STAY SAFE**

- Make sure you and all of your child's caregivers know the warning signs of withdrawal and overdose and what to do if your child experiences these warning signs.
- Keep all your scheduled refill visits so your child's pump does not run out of baclofen.
- Make sure your child always carries the blue Emergency Medical Information card. This pocket-sized card includes:
  - The warning signs of baclofen overdose and withdrawal
  - What to do if you experience warning signs
  - Your child's emergency contact information
- Scan the QR code at right for information regarding precautions on activities and procedures after your child gets a pump.



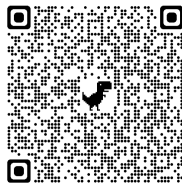
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## **PUMP ALARMS TO BE AWARE OF:**

### **SINGLE BEEP: NONCRITICAL ALARM**

A single beep, repeating about once every hour, sounds when the amount of medication in the pump is getting low. Call your child's doctor right away to schedule a refill appointment.

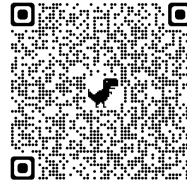
The single beep will also sound if the pump needs to be replaced within 90 days. Call your child's doctor.



### **TWO-TONE ALARM: CRITICAL ALARM**

If you hear a two-tone alarm, call your child's doctor immediately.

The pump may be empty, need replacement, or have another problem. A sudden stop in intrathecal baclofen may lead to withdrawal. It is a medical emergency, so act quickly.



## **PUMP ALARMS FOR REPLACEMENT**

When your child's pump is nearing the end of service, a single beep will start sounding. Contact your child's doctor to schedule a pump replacement.

If the pump is not replaced after the single-beep alarm sounds, it will continue to operate for up to 90 days. A critical alarm (two tones) will then sound, and the pump will stop. A stopped pump results in loss of therapy, which can cause dangerous symptoms of baclofen withdrawal.



## **Resources and References:**

<https://www.medtronic.com/us-en/patients/treatments-therapies/drug-pump-severe-spasticity/about-itb-therapy/what-is-it.html>