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Amicar™

Amicar (aminocaproic acid) is a drug that helps to control bleeding in the mouth, nose, and other mucous membranes by inhibiting fibrinolysis (the breakdown of blood clots).

Indications:

- Dental extractions
- Mouth injury/trauma
- Losing teeth
- Oral surgery
- Teeth eruptions
- Menorrhagia (heavy menstrual bleeding)
- Epistaxis (nose bleeds)

Dosing:

- 50-100 mg/kg every 4-6 hours while awake, not to exceed 3 grams/dose. Dose can be given hourly x 3 if needed to control nasal or oral bleeding
- OK to cut tablet in half or crush tablets and mix with food or liquid

Dosage forms:

- Tablets (500 mg and 1000 mg)
- Syrup (250 mg/mL)

Side effects:

- Dizziness, headache, seizures
- Bradycardia (low heart rate), hypotension (low blood pressure)
- Nausea, abdominal cramps, diarrhea
- ACUTE RENAL FAILURE; DO NOT GIVE IF KIDNEY DISEASE OR HEMATURIA PRESENT

Teaching for use of Amicar flowing dental procedures:

- Do not use toothbrush until mouth healed. Ok to use Q-tip, glycerin swabs, sponge toothbrush.
- Spit out blood if possible.
- Do not eat papaya or pineapple as these may cause clot breakdown.
- Do not drink through a straw.
- Eat soft, cool foods for several days until mouth heals. Avoid potato chips, pretzels, popcorn, etc.
- Call if persistent mouth bleeding occurs or with questions/concerns.