







Active ingredients (generic names)	<p>VITAMIN K (vite-a-min K) Also known as: phytomenadione</p> <p> IM</p> <p>Other medicines that affect blood clotting (haemostasis) Not included in this monograph — see <i>AMH</i> for information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Protamine• Idarucizumab
What it is used for	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prevents vitamin K deficiency bleeding (haemorrhagic disease) in newborn babies• Reverses warfarin overdose — liquid for injection can be given orally
How it works	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Helps blood to clot
Side effects	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pain from IM injection• Injection site may become tender and sore• Allergic reaction (rapid injection) <p></p> <p>Anaphylaxis — severe allergic reaction (rare)</p>

 <p>Warnings</p>	 <p>Old people — use lower dose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Best to use IM injection of vitamin K to prevent vitamin K deficiency bleeding (haemorrhagic disease) in newborn babies <p>Interactions — Do not use together without medical consult</p> <p>VITAMIN K with</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Warfarin
<p>Tell the patient</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Liquid for injection can also be taken by mouth (oral)
<p>Check</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Always have anaphylaxis kit with adrenaline (epinephrine) ready when giving vitamin K injections  <p>Blood test INR (blood clotting)</p>