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Other Names: Parvolex®, Mucomyst®

Why do I need this medicine?

This medicine has a number of uses. It is most often used by patients with lung conditions or to treat acetaminophen (Tylenol®) overdoses. In your case, it is being used to help protect your kidneys before having a certain kind of X-ray procedure, such as a CT scan or angiography.

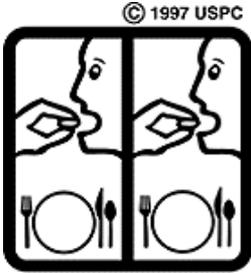
A special X-ray dye may be used during some procedures to let the doctor better see the parts of the body. Sometimes these dyes may cause a change in how well the kidneys work. Taking acetylcysteine by mouth before your test will help protect your kidneys.

How should I take this medicine?

Take the medicine as directed by your doctor. You will usually start taking it the day before your procedure and continue the day of the procedure. Generally, you will take a total of four (4) doses of 3 mL each.

Here is an example of what we mean:

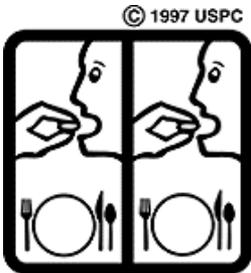
Day Before Test



Breakfast	3mL
Supper	3mL

Take twice at breakfast
and supper

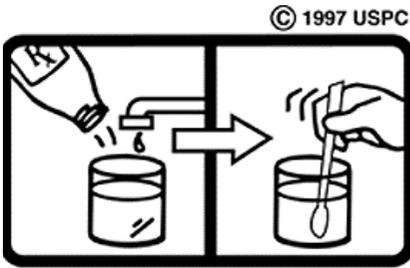
Test Day



Breakfast	3mL
Supper	3mL

Take twice at breakfast
and supper

Acetylcysteine is a liquid that you will take by mouth. It may have a terrible odor and a strange taste. To make the medicine taste better, mix it with at least 30 mL (two tablespoons) of a soft drink (try to avoid colas).



Mix with 2 Tablespoons of a soft drink (pop)

Using a straw to drink the solution may also help improve the taste. Make it fresh and drink it within one hour of mixing it. Make sure you drink all of the mixture.

How should I store the medicine?

Keep this medicine in the fridge. Any unused solution must be kept in the fridge until ready to use. Throw out any opened solution within 96 hours.



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