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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, unless directed by provider.
- Dose can be given hourly x 3 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).
- Swish and spit (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 FOLLOWING DENTAL PROCEDURES:

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



