



## ***PATIENT INFORMATION***

### **Ertapenem 1g injection**

#### **What is Ertapenem?**

- Ertapenem is an antibiotic of the carbapenem type which is used to fight infection.
- Your doctor has given you ertapenem for an infection in your .....
- Tell your doctor or MAAT nurse if you are taking medicines called valproic acid or sodium valproate (used to treat epilepsy, bipolar disorder, migraines, or schizophrenia). Your doctor will decide whether you should use ERTAPENEM in combination with these other medicines.

#### **How to take Ertapenem?**

- Ertapenem is always given by injection.
- You will be given your injection daily.
- It is important that you are given your injection every day for as long as your doctor has said is necessary, otherwise the infection may return.

#### **Undesirable effects**

- Most people do not have any unwanted effects, but there may rarely be problems.
- Report immediately to your doctor any allergic reactions including rash, itch and shortness of breath.
- Contact your MAAT nurse if you develop any persistent diarrhoea, nausea or vomiting, dizziness or headache, tiredness, sore throat or skin which is bruising easily or if you notice any side effects not listed on this sheet.