Efavirenz is indicated for the treatment of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection. Patients should be provided with a Patient Counseling Information sheet. This medication should not be used during pregnancy except in women who are unable to use effective alternative contraception. The pregnancy category is C. Children treated with efavirenz should be monitored for immune reconstitution syndrome, which may cause symptoms such as rashes, fever, and flu-like symptoms. The most common adverse reactions are headache, somnolence, depression, dizziness, and nausea. More severe reactions such as rashes, seizures, and hepatitis should be reported immediately. Efavirenz is contraindicated in patients with a history of seizures, severe hepatic impairment, or known hypersensitivity to this medication. For drug interactions, it is recommended to consult the more current prescribing information.
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