

# Noradrenaline BNM

## Consumer Medicine Information (CMI) summary

The [full CMI](#) on the next page has more details. If you are worried about using this medicine, speak to your doctor or pharmacist.

### 1. Why am I being treated with Noradrenaline BNM?

Noradrenaline BNM contains the active ingredient noradrenaline (norepinephrine) acid tartrate monohydrate.

Noradrenaline BNM is used to restore blood pressure back to normal.

For more information, see Section [1. Why am I using Noradrenaline BNM?](#) in the full CMI.

### 2. What should I know before I am given Noradrenaline BNM?

Do not use if you have ever had an allergic reaction to noradrenaline or any of the ingredients listed at the end of the CMI.

**Talk to your doctor if you have any other medical conditions, take any other medicines, or are pregnant or plan to become pregnant or are breastfeeding.**

For more information, see Section [2. What should I know before I am given Noradrenaline BNM?](#) in the full CMI.

### 3. What if I am taking other medicines?

Some medicines may interfere with Noradrenaline BNM and affect how it works.

A list of these medicines is in Section [3. What if I am taking other medicines?](#) in the full CMI.

### 4. How is Noradrenaline BNM given?

Your doctor will decide what dose you will receive. This depends on your condition and how you respond to Noradrenaline BNM often, the dose is adjusted according to how the medicine is affecting your blood pressure.

More instructions can be found in Section [4. How is Noradrenaline BNM given?](#) in the full CMI.

### 5. What should I know while being given Noradrenaline BNM?

<b>Things you should do</b>	Remind any doctor, dentist or pharmacist you visit that you are being given Noradrenaline BNM.
<b>Driving or using machines</b>	Do not drive or use any machines or tools until you know how Noradrenaline BNM affects you.

For more information, see Section [5. What should I know while being given Noradrenaline BNM ?](#) in the full CMI.

### 6. Are there any side effects?

**Side effects include** skin and tissue damage close to the site of injection, anxiety, headache, dizziness, low or irregular heartbeat, tingling or numbness in the feet, and coldness, numbness or discolouration of your limbs.

**Serious side effects include** allergic reaction symptoms (shortness of breath, wheezing or difficulty breathing, swelling of the face, lips, mouth, throat or tongue or other parts of the body and, rash, itching or hives on the skin), Very high blood pressure symptoms (headache, dizziness, sensitivity to light, chest pain, slow heart-beat, sweating and pale skin, vomiting, and trouble breathing and shortness of breath).

For more information, including what to do if you have any side effects, see Section [6. Are there any side effects?](#) in the full CMI.

# Noradrenaline BNM

Active ingredient(s): *noradrenaline (norepinephrine) acid tartrate monohydrate*

## Consumer Medicine Information (CMI)

This leaflet provides important information about using Noradrenaline BNM. **You should also speak to your doctor or pharmacist if you would like further information or if you have any concerns or questions about using Noradrenaline BNM.**

Where to find information in this leaflet:

- [1. Why am I being treated with Noradrenaline BNM?](#)
- [2. What should I know before I am given Noradrenaline BNM?](#)
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## 1. Why am I being treated with Noradrenaline BNM?

Noradrenaline BNM contains the active ingredient **noradrenaline (norepinephrine) acid tartrate monohydrate**.

Noradrenaline BNM belongs to a group of medicines called sympathomimetic amines. It works by making the heartbeat more forcefully and constricting blood vessels. This results in a higher blood pressure and greater blood flow to the heart and other organs of the body. **Noradrenaline BNM is used to restore blood pressure back to normal.**

Noradrenaline BNM is given in emergency situations because of medical conditions which cause a dramatic drop in blood pressure. Such situations/conditions could be:

- associated with surgical procedures
- infections caused by poliovirus
- a heart attack
- infection in the blood
- severe reaction to a medicine
- severe reaction to a blood transfusion
- allergic reactions.

It is given only by a doctor or nurse, usually in hospital.

**Ask your doctor if you have any questions about why it has been prescribed for you.**

Noradrenaline BNM is only available with a doctor's prescription.

There is no evidence that Noradrenaline BNM is addictive.

## 2. What should I know before I am given Noradrenaline BNM?

### Warnings

Noradrenaline BNM is not suitable for everyone. **You must not be given Noradrenaline BNM if:**

- You are allergic to noradrenaline (norepinephrine), or any other similar medicines such as adrenaline, phenylephrine, pseudoephedrine, or any of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet.
- You have
  - low blood pressure due to low blood volume
  - blood clots in certain vessels.

If given in these cases, it can further reduce blood supply to important organs.

- Always check the ingredients to make sure you can use this medicine.

### Check with your doctor if you:

- have allergies to any other medicines and/or substances, such as foods, preservatives or dyes.
- develop a rash or other symptoms of an allergic reaction. These symptoms may be:
  - shortness of breath, wheezing or difficulty breathing
  - swelling of the face, lips, tongue or other parts of the body
  - rash, itching or hives on the skin.
- have any other medical conditions
- have or have had an overactive thyroid gland.
- you are over 65 years old. Elderly persons may be more sensitive to the effects of the medicine.
- take any medicines for any other condition

During treatment, you may be at risk of developing certain side effects. It is important you understand these risks and how to monitor for them. See additional information under Section [6. Are there any side effects?](#)

### Pregnancy and breastfeeding

**Check with your doctor if you are pregnant or intend to become pregnant.**

**Talk to your doctor if you are breastfeeding or intend to breastfeed.**

Noradrenaline BNM may be given to pregnant women and women who are breastfeeding, but your doctor must be told if you are pregnant or breastfeeding.

Your doctor will discuss the possible risks and benefits of you being given Noradrenaline BNM during pregnancy and breastfeeding.

### 3. What if I am taking other medicines?

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking any other medicines, including any medicines, vitamins or supplements that you buy without a prescription from your pharmacy, supermarket or health food shop.

**Some medicines may interfere with Noradrenaline BNM and affect how it works.**

These include:

- antidepressants including moclobemide, imipramine and amitriptyline.
- Guanethidine

The above medicines may be affected by Noradrenaline BNM or may affect how well it works. You may need different amounts of Noradrenaline BNM, or you may need to use different medicines.

**Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure about what medicines, vitamins or supplements you are taking and if these affect Noradrenaline BNM.**

Your doctor and pharmacist may have more information on medicines to be careful with or avoid while being given Noradrenaline BNM.

### 4. How is Noradrenaline BNM given?

#### How much is given

Your doctor will decide how many infusions you need, and how often you should receive them. The need for more doses will depend on how the medicine is affecting your blood pressure.

#### How Noradrenaline BNM is given

Noradrenaline BNM must be diluted before use and will be given by slow intravenous infusion (drip) into a large vein. This medicine must only be given by a doctor or a nurse.

#### How long it will be given

This medicine will be given until blood pressure and blood circulation to all organs is back to normal and remains normal even when the medicine is no longer given.

#### If you are given too much Noradrenaline BNM

As Noradrenaline BNM is given to you in hospital under the supervision of your doctor, it is very unlikely that you will receive an overdose.

Symptoms of an overdose may include headache, dizziness, sensitivity to light, slow heartbeat, chest pain, sweating and pale skin, vomiting, or trouble breathing and shortness of breath.

**You should immediately:**

- phone the Poisons Information Centre (by calling 13 11 26), or
- contact your doctor, or
- go to the Emergency Department at your nearest hospital.

**You should do this even if there are no signs of discomfort or poisoning.**

Immediately tell your doctor or nurse if you think that you or anyone else may have been given too much Noradrenaline BNM. They have information on how to recognise and treat an overdose.

### 5. What should I know while being given Noradrenaline BNM?

#### Things you should do

**If you are about to be started on any new medicine, tell your doctor and pharmacist that you are being given Noradrenaline BNM. Likewise, tell any other doctors, dentists and pharmacists who are treating you that you are being given this medicine.**

#### Call your doctor straight away if you:

**develop a rash or other symptoms of an allergic reaction.**

These symptoms may be:

- shortness of breath, wheezing or difficulty breathing
- swelling of the face, lips, tongue or other parts of the body
- rash, itching or hives on the skin.

#### Driving or using machines

Be careful before you drive or use any machines or tools until you know how Noradrenaline BNM affects you.

#### Looking after your medicine

- Noradrenaline BNM will be stored in the pharmacy or on the ward under the recommended storage conditions.
- Do not refrigerate or freeze. Store it in a cool dry place away from moisture, heat or sunlight. Keep where the temperature stays below 25°C.

#### Getting rid of any unwanted medicine

If you no longer need to use this medicine or it is out of date, take it to any pharmacy for safe disposal.

Do not use this medicine after the expiry date.

### 6. Are there any side effects?

All medicines can have side effects. If you do experience any side effects, most of them are minor and temporary. However, some side effects may need medical attention.

See the information below and, if you need to, ask your doctor or pharmacist if you have any further questions about side effects.

**Ask your doctor or pharmacist to answer any questions you may have.**

## Less serious side effects

Less serious side effects	What to do
<b>Administration site conditions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• skin and tissue damage close to the site of injection</li></ul> <b>Nervous system</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Anxiety</li><li>• Headache</li><li>• Dizziness</li></ul> <b>Heart related issues</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• low or irregular heartbeat</li></ul> <b>Respiratory system</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• difficulty breathing and shortness of breath</li></ul> <b>Blood flow related</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• tingling or numbness in the feet</li><li>• coldness, numbness or discolouration of your limbs.</li></ul>	<b>Speak to your doctor or nurse if you have any of these side effects.</b>

## Serious side effects

Serious side effects	What to do
<b>serious allergic reaction related symptoms of an allergic reaction</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• may include shortness of breath, wheezing or difficulty breathing, swelling of the face, lips, tongue or other parts of the body, rash, itching or hives on the skin</li><li>• difficulty breathing</li><li>• slow or irregular heartbeat</li></ul> <b>high blood pressure related</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• symptoms may include violent headaches, extreme light sensitivity, intense sweating, vomiting, pale skin, or pain behind the breastbone.</li></ul>	<b>Call your doctor straight away or go straight to the Emergency Department at your nearest hospital if you notice any of these serious side effects.</b>  This is a very serious side effect.  you may need urgent medical attention.

**Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you notice anything else that may be making you feel unwell**

Other side effects not listed here may occur in some people.

## Reporting side effects

After you have received medical advice for any side effects, you experience, you can report side effects to the Therapeutic Goods Administration online at [www.tga.gov.au/reporting-problems](http://www.tga.gov.au/reporting-problems). By reporting side effects, you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

**Always make sure you speak to your doctor or pharmacist before you decide to stop taking any of your medicines.**

## 7. Product details

This medicine is only available with a doctor's prescription.

### What Noradrenaline BNM contains

<b>Active ingredient (main ingredient)</b>	noradrenaline (norepinephrine)
<b>Other ingredients (inactive ingredients)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• sodium chloride</li><li>• water for injections.</li></ul>

Noradrenaline BNM is sulfite free and does not contain any preservatives.

**Do not take this medicine if you are allergic to any of these ingredients.**

### What Noradrenaline BNM looks like

Noradrenaline BNM is a clear sterile concentrated solution for injection.

It is available in 1 mL and 4 mL glass ampoules. A box contains 10 ampoules.

Each 1 mL ampoule contains 1 mg of noradrenaline (norepinephrine) base.

Not all presentations may be available.

#### Australian Registration Number:

1 mg/1 mL: AUST R 248492

4 mg/4 mL: AUST R 248512

### Who distributes Noradrenaline BNM

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