

Ephedrine Hydrochloride Juno

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 using Ephedrine Hydrochloride Juno?

Ephedrine Hydrochloride Juno contains the active ingredient ephedrine hydrochloride. Ephedrine Hydrochloride Juno is used to treat the low blood pressure which may occur during spinal anaesthesia. It works by contracting the blood vessels in your limbs, so that more blood is available for your heart.

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

2. What should I know before I use Ephedrine Hydrochloride Juno?

Do not use if you have ever had an allergic reaction to ephedrine hydrochloride 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 use Ephedrine Hydrochloride Juno?](#) in the full CMI.

3. What if I am taking other medicines?

Some medicines may interfere with Ephedrine Hydrochloride Juno 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 do I use Ephedrine Hydrochloride Juno?

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- Ephedrine Hydrochloride Juno is administered as a slow injection into the vein.
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More instructions can be found in Section [4. How do I use Ephedrine Hydrochloride Juno?](#) in the full CMI.

5. What should I know while using Ephedrine Hydrochloride Juno?

Things you should do	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Remind any doctor, dentist or pharmacist you visit that you are using Ephedrine Hydrochloride Juno.
Driving or using machines	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Be careful before you drive or use any machines or tools until you know how Ephedrine Hydrochloride Juno affects you.
Drinking alcohol	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tell your doctor if you drink alcohol.
Looking after your medicine	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ephedrine Hydrochloride Juno will be stored in the pharmacy or on the ward.• Ephedrine Hydrochloride Juno pre-filled syringe injection is kept in a cool dry place where the temperature stays below 30°C.• Ephedrine Hydrochloride Juno ampoule injection is kept in a cool dry place where the temperature stays below 25°C.

For more information, see Section [5. What should I know while using Ephedrine Hydrochloride Juno?](#) in the full CMI.

6. Are there any side effects?

Possible side effects include headache, dry nose, mouth or throat, fever or sweating, nausea, vomiting or stomach pain, mood or mental changes, such as nervousness, anxiety or irritability, difficult or painful urination, chest pain, breathing difficulty, irregular, fast or slow heartbeat.

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.

Ephedrine Hydrochloride Juno

Active ingredient(s): *Ephedrine hydrochloride*

Consumer Medicine Information (CMI)

This leaflet provides important information about using Ephedrine Hydrochloride Juno. **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 Ephedrine Hydrochloride Juno.**

Where to find information in this leaflet:

- [1. Why am I using Ephedrine Hydrochloride Juno?](#)
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2. What should I know before I use Ephedrine Hydrochloride Juno?

Warnings

Do not use Ephedrine Hydrochloride Juno if:

- you are allergic to ephedrine hydrochloride, or any of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet.
- Always check the ingredients to make sure you can use this medicine.
- you have, or have had any of the following medical conditions:
 - heart problems such as ventricular fibrillation, tachyarrhythmias, coronary thrombosis and idiopathic hypertrophic subaortic stenosis)
 - pheochromocytoma (a rare tumour of the adrenal gland near the kidney)
 - closed angle glaucoma (a condition in which there is a build up of pressure in the eye)
 - mood/thought disorders and were given monoamine oxidase (MAO) inhibitors in last

two weeks or about to commence on this group of medicines

- using an antibiotic medicine called linezolid
 - undergoing general anaesthesia such as cyclopropane or halothane
 - using or have had use an antidepressant called monoamine oxidase inhibitors (MAO inhibitors) such as phenelzine or moclobemide within the last 14 days
 - the packaging is torn or shows signs of tampering
 - the expiry date on the pack has passed.
- If you are given this medicine after the expiry date has passed, it may not work as well or it may make you feel sick.

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.

Your doctor will discuss the risks and benefits of using Ephedrine Hydrochloride Juno.

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

Ephedrine Hydrochloride Juno is not recommended for use if you are breastfeeding.

Children

Ephedrine Hydrochloride Juno is not approved for use in children.

Tell your doctor any of the following before you are given Ephedrine Hydrochloride Juno:

If you have or have ever had any other health problems other medical conditions, including:

- high or low blood pressure
- prostate problems or difficulty in passing urine
- mental health disorders
- thyroid problems
- diabetes
- heart problems such as angina (chest pain) and cardiac arrhythmia (irregular heart rate).

Your doctor may need to carefully monitor you.

If you are an athlete or competing in sports

Ephedrine Hydrochloride Juno contains an active substance that may cause a positive reaction in anti-doping tests.

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 Ephedrine Hydrochloride Juno and affect how it works. You may need different amounts of your medicine, or you may need to take different medicines.

These include:

- Medicines used to treat heart failure (e.g. digoxin)
- Alpha blockers (e.g. prazosin and methyldopa) or beta blockers (e.g. propranolol) used to treat high blood pressure
- Medicines used to manage depression or mental health disorders such as monoamine oxidase (MAO) inhibitors (e.g. phenelzine or moclobemide), tricyclic antidepressants (e.g. dothiepin or amitriptyline) and noradrenergic - serotonergic antidepressants (e.g. venlafaxine, milnacipran)
- Medicines used in the treatment of migraine such as ergotamine and any derivatives
- Reserpine (used in the treatment of blood pressure or mental disorders)
- Guanethidine used to lower blood pressure
- Theophylline (a medicine used to treat asthma)
- Acetazolamide, dichlorphenamide, sodium bicarbonate, sodium citrate (medicines that make urine less acidic)
- Linezolid (an antibiotic)
- Medicines used to treat epilepsy such as phenytoin
- Medicines used to treat ADHD such as methylphenidate
- Medicines found commonly in over the counter cold and flu preparations such as pseudoephedrine and phenylephrine
- Atropine (medicine used in heart problems or bowel problems)
- Medicine used in general anaesthetics such as cyclopropane and halothane
- Clonidine (medicine used to treat high blood pressure)
- Dexamethasone, a corticosteroid
- Sibutramine, an appetite suppressant
- Doxapram, a medicine that assists with breathing.

Your doctor has more information on medicines to be careful with or avoid while being given Ephedrine Hydrochloride Juno.

Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure about what medicines, vitamins or supplements you are taking and if these affect Ephedrine Hydrochloride Juno.

4. How do I use Ephedrine Hydrochloride Juno?

Ephedrine Hydrochloride Juno must only be given by a doctor or nurse.

How much Ephedrine Hydrochloride Juno is given

Your doctor will decide what dose of Ephedrine Hydrochloride Juno you will receive. This depends on your medical condition and other factors, such as your weight. Sometimes only a single dose of is required.

How Ephedrine Hydrochloride Juno is given

Ephedrine Hydrochloride Juno is administered as a slow injection into a vein.

If you use too much Ephedrine Hydrochloride Juno

As Ephedrine Hydrochloride Juno is always given to you in a hospital under the supervision of a doctor, it is unlikely that you will receive an overdose.

If you think that you have been given too much Ephedrine Hydrochloride Juno, you may need urgent medical attention.

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.

5. What should I know while using Ephedrine Hydrochloride Juno?

Things you should do

Remind any doctor, dentist or pharmacist you visit that you are using Ephedrine Hydrochloride Juno.

Driving or using machines

Be careful before you drive or use any machines or tools until you know how Ephedrine Hydrochloride Juno affects you.

Drinking alcohol

Tell your doctor if you drink alcohol.

Looking after your medicine

Ephedrine Hydrochloride Juno will be stored in the pharmacy or on the ward.

Ephedrine Hydrochloride Juno pre-filled syringe injection is kept in a cool dry place where the temperature stays below 30°C.

Ephedrine Hydrochloride Juno ampoule injection is kept in a cool dry place where the temperature stays below 25°C.

Keep it where young children cannot reach it.

Getting rid of any unwanted medicine

Ephedrine Hydrochloride Juno should only be given to you in a hospital therefore the doctor or nurse will dispose of any left over.

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.

Serious side effects

Serious side effects	What to do
<ul style="list-style-type: none">headachedry nose, mouth or throatfever or sweatingnausea, vomiting or stomach painmood or mental changes, such as nervousness, anxiety or irritabilitydifficult or painful urinationchest painbreathing difficultiesirregular, fast or slow heartbeatmuscle weaknessproblems sleepingdizziness, lightheadedness, feeling weakeye pain, blurred visionloss of appetiteincreased salivaaddiction.	<p>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.</p>

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. 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 Ephedrine Hydrochloride Juno contains

Active ingredient (main ingredient)	Ephedrine hydrochloride
Other ingredients (inactive ingredients)	Sodium chloride Citric acid monohydrate Sodium citrate Sodium hydroxide Hydrochloric acid Water for injections

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

What Ephedrine Hydrochloride Juno looks like

Ephedrine Hydrochloride Juno is a clear and colourless solution, containing 30 mg/10 mL ephedrine hydrochloride.

Ephedrine Hydrochloride Juno is supplied in either polypropylene syringes or polypropylene ampoules, available in pack sizes of 10.

30 mg/10 mL ampoule: AUST R 285492

30 mg/10 mL prefilled syringe: AUST R 285489

Who distributes Ephedrine Hydrochloride Juno

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