

# SEVOFLURANE BAXTER

## 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, nurse or pharmacist.

### 1. Why am I receiving SEVOFLURANE BAXTER?

SEVOFLURANE BAXTER contains the active ingredient sevoflurane, a type of anaesthetic medicine. SEVOFLURANE BAXTER is used to put and keep patients in a deep sleep during surgery (general anaesthesia).

For more information, see Section [1. Why am I receiving SEVOFLURANE BAXTER?](#) in the full CMI.

### 2. What should I know before I am given SEVOFLURANE BAXTER?

Do not use if you have ever had an allergic reaction to sevoflurane.

**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 SEVOFLURANE BAXTER?](#) in the full CMI.

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

Some medicines may interfere with SEVOFLURANE BAXTER 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 SEVOFLURANE BAXTER given?

- Your anaesthetist will give SEVOFLURANE BAXTER through a specifically designed device that turns liquid to gas (vaporiser).
- They will decide how much SEVOFLURANE BAXTER to use to put and keep you at the proper depth of sleep throughout your surgery.

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

### 5. What should I know after having SEVOFLURANE BAXTER?

<b>Things you should do</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Talk to your doctor and surgeon about how you feel after your surgery</li><li>• Remind any doctor, dentist or pharmacist you visit that you have received SEVOFLURANE BAXTER during a previous surgical procedure.</li></ul>
<b>Things you should not do</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Do not use if you have ever had a bad reaction to SEVOFLURANE BAXTER or a similar anaesthetic medicine.</li></ul>
<b>Driving or using machines</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Be careful before you drive or use any machines or tools until you know how SEVOFLURANE BAXTER affects you.</li><li>• Avoid such tasks for 24 hours or longer after your surgery.</li><li>• Ask your doctor when you can return to work involving machinery or heavy equipment.</li></ul>
<b>Drinking alcohol</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Avoid drinking alcohol before and after your procedure.</li></ul>
<b>Looking after your medicine</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• This medicine is stored in the hospital pharmacy, below 30°C. Medical professionals handle and prepare it according to the manufacturer's instructions.</li><li>• You will not have to store or handle this medicine.</li></ul>

For more information, see Section [5. What should I know after having SEVOFLURANE BAXTER?](#) in the full CMI.

### 6. Are there any side effects?

The most common side effects include significant slowing of breathing, low blood pressure, changes in heart rate: fast, slow or irregular. You will be closely monitored for these during your procedure.

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.

# SEVOFLURANE BAXTER

Active ingredient: *sevoflurane*

## Consumer Medicine Information (CMI)

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

**Where to find information in this leaflet:**

- [1. Why am I receiving SEVOFLURANE BAXTER?](#)
- [2. What should I know before I am given SEVOFLURANE BAXTER?](#)
- [3. What if I am taking other medicines?](#)
- [4. How is SEVOFLURANE BAXTER given?](#)
- [5. What should I know after receiving SEVOFLURANE BAXTER?](#)
- [6. Are there any side effects?](#)
- [7. Product details](#)

## 1. Why am I receiving SEVOFLURANE BAXTER?

SEVOFLURANE BAXTER contains the active ingredient **sevoflurane**. It is a type of anaesthetic that you breathe in (inhale). It belongs to a group of medicines known as 'halogenated anaesthetic agents'.

SEVOFLURANE BAXTER is used to put and keep patients in a deep sleep during surgery (general anaesthesia).

It is given by your anaesthetist using a special device called a vapouriser. This device turns liquid into gas, which can then be inhaled. The vapouriser is specifically designed for use with sevoflurane.

It is suitable for both adults and children.

## 2. What should I know before I am given SEVOFLURANE BAXTER?

### Warnings

**You should not be given SEVOFLURANE BAXTER if:**

- you are allergic or sensitive to sevoflurane or anaesthetics known as 'halogenated anaesthetic agents'
- you have been told by a doctor that you should not be given a general anaesthetic
- you have had — or anyone in your family has had — a condition called malignant hyperthermia (a rare type of severe fever)
- you have had any of the following problems after receiving a 'halogenated anaesthetic agent':
  - a liver problem called hepatitis

- other liver problems that may have caused jaundice (yellowing of the skin), with an unexplained fever and/or low white or red blood cell count

**Check with your doctor if:**

- you have previously had any problems with a general anaesthetic
- you have recently had any other general anaesthetic, or had more than one general anaesthetic over a short period of time
- you have any other medical conditions, especially:
  - any problems with your liver, including hepatitis
  - brain disorders, such as seizures (fits or epilepsy) or cancer
  - heart problems; for example coronary artery disease, high or low blood pressure
  - lung problems, for example asthma
  - any problems with your kidneys
  - any problems with your nerves and muscles (neuromuscular disease)
  - a condition that affects the part of your cells that make energy (mitochondrial disorder)
- you 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.

SEVOFLURANE BAXTER can affect the uterus (womb), causing it to relax, which can lead to bleeding.

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

## 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 SEVOFLURANE BAXTER and affect how it works.**

- opioids or narcotic drugs like fentanyl
- sedatives like benzodiazepines, or any sort of sleeping tablets
- muscle-relaxing drugs
- drugs called beta-blockers, which are usually used to treat high blood pressure

- isoniazid, an antibiotic used for tuberculosis
- amphetamines like ephedrine
- medicines with calcium antagonists (also called calcium channel blockers), used for high blood pressure or angina, in particular verapamil
- nitrous oxide – used for anaesthesia and pain relief
- St John’s Wort – a herbal medicine used to manage depression
- medicines used in the treatment of severe heart problems, such as adrenaline
- other medicines used in anaesthesia

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

#### 4. How is SEVOFLURANE BAXTER given?

##### How it is given

- Your anaesthetist will give SEVOFLURANE BAXTER through a specifically designed device that turns liquid to gas (vaporiser).
- They will place a mask over your mouth and nose, which allows you to inhale the medicine.
- Your anaesthetist closely monitors your vital signs to keep you safe and comfortable during surgery.
- When your surgery is finished, SEVOFLURANE BAXTER is stopped, and you will wake up in the recovery area while nurses continue to monitor you until you are fully alert and stable.

##### How much is given

- Your anaesthetist will decide how much SEVOFLURANE BAXTER to use to put and keep you at the proper depth of sleep throughout your surgery.

##### If too much SEVOFLURANE BAXTER is used

SEVOFLURANE BAXTER is used by your anaesthetist during surgery only, and it is unlikely that they will use too much (overdose).

Your anaesthetist can reduce the dose of SEVOFLURANE BAXTER and provide oxygen if they assess that your depth of sleep is too deep.

#### 5. What should I know after having SEVOFLURANE BAXTER?

##### Things you should do

**Talk to your doctor and surgeon about how you feel after your surgery.**

Nausea and vomiting on waking are common after surgery and general anaesthesia. Since SEVOFLURANE BAXTER is given in a hospital, your healthcare team will monitor your progress and any side effects.

**Remind any doctor, dentist or pharmacist you visit that you have received SEVOFLURANE BAXTER during a previous surgery.**

#### Driving or using machines

**Be careful before you drive or use any machines or tools until you know how SEVOFLURANE BAXTER affects you.**

SEVOFLURANE BAXTER may affect your ability to drive or operate machinery. Avoid such tasks for 24 hours or longer after your surgery. Ask your doctor when you can return to work involving machinery or heavy equipment.

Leave the hospital with an accompanying adult who can ensure you get home safely.

#### Drinking alcohol

**Avoid drinking alcohol before and after your procedure.**

Alcohol can affect how sevoflurane works. Ask your doctor when it will be safe to consume alcohol again.

#### Looking after your medicine

You will not have to store or handle this medicine.

This medicine is stored in the hospital pharmacy, below 30°C. Medical professionals handle and prepare it according to the manufacturer’s instructions.

#### 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.

SEVOFLURANE BAXTER may cause a decrease in blood pressure and breathing rate. You will not know about these things since you will be asleep. Your anaesthetist will adjust the dose of SEVOFLURANE BAXTER as necessary and will give other medicines if needed.

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

##### Less serious side effects

Less serious side effects	What to do
<p><b>Breathing and lung related</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• breath-holding, pause in breathing</li> <li>• cough</li> <li>• muscle spasm of the throat</li> </ul> <p><b>Nerve and muscle related</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• feeling agitated, nervous or confused</li> <li>• producing more saliva</li> <li>• headache</li> <li>• difficulty sleeping</li> <li>• feeling very sleepy or drowsy</li> <li>• pain</li> <li>• feeling weak</li> <li>• crying</li> <li>• confused thinking or lack of awareness of surroundings</li> <li>• lazy eye</li> <li>• changes in taste</li> <li>• stiff or tight muscles</li> </ul>	<p><b>Speak to your doctor if you have any of these less serious side effects and they worry you.</b></p>

<p><b>Others:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• nausea</li> <li>• vomiting</li> <li>• shivering</li> <li>• dizziness (due to low blood pressure)</li> <li>• dry mouth</li> <li>• hiccups</li> <li>• sore throat</li> </ul>	
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**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. Some side effects can only be detected by your doctor by physical examination, laboratory tests or scans.

### 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.

### Serious side effects

Serious side effects	What to do
<p><b>Signs of malignant hyperthermia</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• muscle rigidity</li> <li>• rapid pulse</li> <li>• breathing heavily or quickly</li> <li>• bluish lips and skin</li> <li>• changes in blood pressure</li> <li>• fever</li> </ul> <p><b>Allergic reaction related:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• shortness of breath, wheezing, difficulty breathing or a tight, uncomfortable feeling in your chest</li> <li>• swelling of the face, eyelids or other parts of the body</li> <li>• rash, itching, hives or red skin</li> </ul> <p><b>Heart and lung related:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• rapid, slow or irregular heart beat</li> <li>• chest pain</li> <li>• feeling very weak or dizzy</li> <li>• slow or shallow breathing</li> </ul> <p><b>Others</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• signs of liver function problems such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ nausea, vomiting, loss of appetite</li> <li>○ feeling generally unwell</li> <li>○ itching</li> <li>○ yellowing of the skin and eyes</li> <li>○ light coloured bowel motions</li> <li>○ dark coloured urine</li> </ul> </li> <li>• seizures (fits)</li> <li>• twitching</li> <li>• little or no urine output</li> <li>• dark urine</li> <li>• swelling in legs, ankles or feet due to fluid build up</li> <li>• severe pain in the upper abdomen</li> <li>• muscle weakness</li> <li>• muscle pain</li> <li>• abnormal muscle contractions (causing twisting movements, uncontrollable blinking, neck twisting, harsh voice )</li> </ul>	<p><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></p>

## 7. Product details

This medicine is only available with a doctor's prescription. It is only used in a hospital setting, during surgery.

### What SEVOFLURANE BAXTER contains

<b>Active ingredient (main ingredient)</b>	sevoflurane
<b>Other ingredients (inactive ingredients)</b>	none

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

### What SEVOFLURANE BAXTER looks like

SEVOFLURANE BAXTER is a clear, colourless liquid supplied in an aluminium bottle. The bottle contains 250mL of sevoflurane (Aust R 106647).

### Who distributes SEVOFLURANE BAXTER

Baxter Healthcare Pty Ltd  
1 Baxter Drive  
Old Toongabbie  
NSW 2146

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