

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 MZ Clonidine HCl Injection?

MZ Clonidine HCl Injection contains the active ingredient clonidine hydrochloride. MZ Clonidine HCl Injection is used to lower high blood pressure, also called hypertension. MZ Clonidine HCl Injection works by relaxing and widening blood vessels and so helps to lower your blood pressure.

For more information, see Section [1. Why am I using MZ Clonidine HCl Injection?](#) in the full CMI.

2. What should I know before I am given Clonidine HCl Injection?

You should not be given MZ Clonidine HCl Injection if you have ever had an allergic reaction to clonidine hydrochloride or any of the ingredients listed at the end of the CMI.

MZ Clonidine HCl Injection should not be given to you if you have certain heart problems, such as irregular/slow heartbeat. 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.

This medicine should not be given to a child under the age of 18 years.

For more information, see Section [2. What should I know before I use MZ Clonidine HCl Injection?](#) in the full CMI.

3. What if I am taking other medicines?

Some medicines may interfere with MZ Clonidine HCl Injection 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 am I given MZ Clonidine HCl Injection?

- Your doctor will tell you what dose of MZ Clonidine HCl Injection you will receive. MZ Clonidine HCl Injection can be given as an injection into a muscle or as a slow injection into a vein.

More instructions can be found in Section [4. How do I use MZ Clonidine HCl Injection?](#) in the full CMI.

5. What should I know while I am being given MZ Clonidine HCl Injection?

Things you should do	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Remind any doctor, dentist or pharmacist you visit that you are using MZ Clonidine HCl Injection.
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 MZ Clonidine HCl Injection affects you.
Drinking alcohol	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Alcohol may affect how well your medicine works. You may need different amounts of your medicine, or you may need to take different medicines.
Looking after your medicine	<ul style="list-style-type: none">MZ Clonidine HCl Injection will be stored in the pharmacy or ward below 25°C. Protect from Light.

For more information, see Section [5. What should I know while using MZ Clonidine HCl Injection?](#) in the full CMI.

6. Are there any side effects?

Tell your doctor or pharmacist as soon as possible if you do not feel well while you are taking MZ Clonidine HCl Injection. The more frequently reported side effects of MZ Clonidine HCl Injection are light-headedness when you stand up suddenly, drowsiness, dryness of the mouth, nausea and vomiting.

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.

MZ Clonidine HCl Injection

Active ingredient: *clonidine hydrochloride*

Consumer Medicine Information (CMI)

This leaflet provides important information about using MZ Clonidine HCl Injection. **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 MZ Clonidine HCl Injection.**

Where to find information in this leaflet:

- [1. Why am I using MZ Clonidine HCl Injection?](#)
- [2. What should I know before I am given MZ Clonidine HCl Injection?](#)
- [3. What if I am taking other medicines?](#)
- [4. How are MZ Clonidine HCl Injection given?](#)
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MZ Clonidine HCl Injection is used to lower high blood pressure, also called hypertension.

2. What should I know before I am given MZ Clonidine HCl Injection?

Warnings

You should not be given MZ Clonidine HCl Injection if:

- you are allergic to clonidine 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.
- if you have certain heart problems, such as irregular/slow heartbeat

Check with your doctor if you:

have or have had any of the following medical conditions:

- heart failure or any heart or circulation problem
- stroke, or transient ischaemic attack (TIA)
- mental depression
- sugar diabetes
- nerve damage, which may lead to weakness in the arms and legs
- constipation
- phaeochromocytoma (a rare tumour of the adrenal gland)
- any problems with your kidneys.

If you are uncertain as to whether you have, or have had, any of these conditions you should raise those concerns with your doctor.

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

You should not be given this medicine if you are pregnant.

It may affect your developing baby if you are given it during pregnancy.

Do not breast-feed if you are given this medicine.

The active ingredient in MZ Clonidine HCl Injection passes into breast milk and there is a possibility that your baby may be affected.

Children and adolescents

This medicine should not be given to a child under the age of 18 years.

Serious side effects have been observed when clonidine, the active ingredient in MZ Clonidine HCl Injection, is used with methylphenidate in children with ADHD. Therefore, MZ Clonidine HCl Injection in this combination is not recommended.

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 and MZ Clonidine HCl Injection may interfere with each other. These include:

- other medicines for high blood pressure
- medicines for heart problems
- alcohol
- medicines used to control mood swings and some types of depression
- medicines used to relieve pain, swelling or other symptoms of inflammation

These medicines may interfere with MZ Clonidine HCl Injection and affect how it works.

You may need different amounts of your medicine, or you may need to take 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 MZ Clonidine HCl Injection.

4. How are MZ Clonidine HCl Injection given?

How it is given

- MZ Clonidine HCl Injection can be given as an injection into a muscle or as a slow injection into a vein.
- MZ Clonidine HCl Injection must only be given by a doctor or nurse in a setting where appropriate equipment is readily available for diagnosis and patient monitoring.
- MZ Clonidine HCl Injection should only be given to patients in a lying position.
- Your doctor will decide what dose of MZ Clonidine HCl Injection you will receive.

If you are given too much MZ Clonidine HCl Injection

As MZ Clonidine HCl Injection are given to you under the supervision of your doctor, it is very unlikely that you will receive too much.

Symptoms of an overdose may include slow heartbeat, drowsiness, temporarily stopping breathing and coma. Other signs include dizziness, weakness, lethargy, feeling cold, vomiting, looking pale, or having an irregular heartbeat.

You should immediately:

- Tell your doctor or nurse immediately if you experience any signs of overdose, or
- if you are not in hospital, go to the Emergency Department at your nearest hospital.
- phone the Poisons Information Centre (in Australia by calling 13 11 26; in New Zealand by calling 0800 764 766)

You may need urgent medical attention.

5. What should I know while I am being given MZ Clonidine HCl Injection?

Things you should do

Tell any other doctors, dentists, and pharmacists who treat you that you have been given MZ Clonidine HCl Injection.

Driving or using machines

Be careful before you drive or use any machines or tools until you know how MZ Clonidine HCl Injection affects you.

Drinking alcohol

Tell your doctor if you drink alcohol.

Alcohol may affect how well your medicine works. You may need different amounts of your medicine, or you may need to take different medicines.

Looking after your medicine

MZ Clonidine HCl Injection will be stored in the pharmacy or ward below 25°C. Protect from Light. Each ampoule can only be used once and unused contents of opened ampoules must be discarded.

When to discard your medicine

MZ Clonidine HCl Injection must not be used after the expiry date printed on the pack or ampoule or if the packaging is torn or shows signs of tampering.

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.

More frequently reported side effects

Side effects	What to do
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • light-headedness when you stand up suddenly • drowsiness • dryness of the mouth • nausea and vomiting 	<p>Speak to your doctor if you have any of these side effects and they worry you.</p>

Less frequently reported side effects

Side effects	What to do
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • blurred vision • dizziness • confusion • headache • sleep disturbances • mental depression • irrational or abnormal thoughts • irritability • decreased sexual drive / impotence • generally feeling unwell • thinning of hair • rash / hives / itching • constipation • dryness of the nose and eyes • pain in the salivary glands • tingling or numbness of the hands or feet • larger breasts than normal, in men • slow or irregular heartbeat • blood glucose increased. • occasional reports of abnormal liver function tests and cases of hepatitis have also been reported. 	<p>Speak to your doctor if you have any of these side effects and they worry you.</p>

Tell your doctor or nurse as soon as possible if you do not feel well while you are being given MZ Clonidine HCl Injection.

Tell your doctor or nurse if you notice anything unusual, during or after treatment with MZ Clonidine HCl Injection.

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 MZ Clonidine HCl Injection contains

Active ingredient (main ingredient)	Clonidine hydrochloride 150 micrograms in 1 mL of solution.
Other ingredients (inactive ingredients)	Sodium chloride, hydrochloric acid and water for injections.
Potential allergens	-

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

What MZ Clonidine HCl Injection looks like

MZ Clonidine HCl Injection is a clear, colourless solution. It comes in a glass ampoule. (AUST R 233725).

Who distributes MZ Clonidine HCl Injection

Medsurge Healthcare Pty Ltd.

Telephone: 1300 788 261

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