

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 SUPRANE?

SUPRANE contains the active ingredient desflurane, a type of anaesthetic medicine. SUPRANE is used for maintaining sleep during surgery (general anaesthesia).

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

2. What should I know before I am given SUPRANE?

Do not use if you have ever had an allergic reaction to desflurane or if you or anyone in your family has had malignant hyperthermia.

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 SUPRANE?](#) in the full CMI.

3. What if I am taking other medicines?

Some medicines may interfere with SUPRANE 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 SUPRANE given?

- Your anaesthetist will give SUPRANE through a specifically designed device that turns liquid to gas (vaporiser).
- They will decide how much SUPRANE to use to keep you at the proper depth of sleep throughout your surgery.
- More instructions can be found in Section [4. How is SUPRANE given?](#) in the full CMI.

5. What should I know after having SUPRANE?

Things you should do	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Talk to your doctor and surgeon about how you feel after your surgery• Remind any doctor, dentist or pharmacist you visit that you have received SUPRANE during a previous surgical procedure.
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 SUPRANE affects you.• 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.
Looking after your medicine	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• This medicine is stored in the hospital pharmacy, below 30°C. Medical professionals handle and prepare it according to the manufacturer's instructions.• You will not have to store or handle this medicine.

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

6. Are there any side effects?

Common side effects of SUPRANE include nausea, breath holding/breathing symptoms, coughing 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.

SUPRANE

Active ingredient: *desflurane*

Consumer Medicine Information (CMI)

This leaflet provides important information about using SUPRANE. **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 SUPRANE.**

Where to find information in this leaflet:

- [1. Why am I receiving SUPRANE?](#)
- [2. What should I know before I am given SUPRANE?](#)
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1. Why am I receiving SUPRANE?

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

SUPRANE is used for maintaining sleep during surgery (general anaesthesia).

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

SUPRANE is not used to put you 'under' (from awake to sleep). Your anaesthetist will use other anaesthetic medicines for that. SUPRANE is used to maintain your sleep during surgery.

2. What should I know before I am given SUPRANE?

Warnings

You should not be given SUPRANE if:

- you are allergic or sensitive to desflurane 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 any one in your family has had a condition called malignant hyperthermia (see 'Are there any side effects') or are prone to malignant hyperthermia
- you have had any of the following problems after receiving a 'halogenated anaesthetic agent':
 - liver problems or jaundice (yellowing of the skin), with an unexplained fever

- low white blood cell count or other blood cell disorder.

Check with your doctor if:

- you have previously had any problems with a general anaesthetic
- you have any other medical conditions, especially:
 - heart problems
 - high or low blood pressure
 - brain disorders such as a tumour, infection or a blood clot
 - liver problems
 - diabetes
 - you have a condition that causes muscle weakness or wastage (muscular dystrophy)
- 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.

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 SUPRANE and affect how it works.

- opioids or narcotic drugs like morphine or pethidine
- sedatives like benzodiazepines, or any sort of sleeping tablets
- muscle relaxing drugs

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

4. How is SUPRANE given?

How it is given

- Your anaesthetist will give SUPRANE 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, SUPRANE 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 SUPRANE to use to keep you at the proper depth of sleep throughout your surgery.

If too much SUPRANE is used

SUPRANE 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 SUPRANE and provide oxygen if they assess that your depth of sleep is too deep.

5. What should I know after having SUPRANE?

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 SUPRANE 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 SUPRANE during a previous surgery.

Driving or using machines

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

SUPRANE 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.

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.

SUPRANE 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 SUPRANE 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>Breathing related:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cough, spasm of the vocal box, sore throat • wheezing or shortness of breath • breath-holding, breathing with decreased depth, or stopping breathing • snoring or breathing issues when sleeping <p>Gut related:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • nausea • vomiting • salivation • pain in the stomach area <p>Nervous system related:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • feeling very confused or unable to think clearly • agitation • headache • dizziness <p>Others</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • muscle pain or weakness • itchy rash or red skin • fever • feeling generally unwell • conjunctivitis 	<p>Speak to your doctor if you have any of these less serious side effects and they worry you.</p>

Serious side effects

Serious side effects	What to do
<p>Heart related:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • rapid or slow heartbeat, irregular or abnormal heartbeat, or stopping of the heart • chest pain or pressure, or pain that spreads to the neck, jaw, back or left arm • dizziness or fainting, which may be a sign of low blood pressure • swelling in legs, ankles or belly (fluid build-up) <p>Signs of malignant hyperthermia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • muscle rigidity • rapid pulse • breathing heavily or quickly • bluish lips and skin • changes in blood pressure • fever 	<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>

<p>Others</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • liver inflammation • fits • bleeding or bruising more easily than normal, nose bleeds • yellowing of the eye or skin • dark urine or pale skin • coughing up or spitting out blood • severe muscle pain, weakness or swelling • red or brown urine 	
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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. By reporting side effects, you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

7. Product details

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

What SUPRANE contains

Active ingredient (main ingredient)	desflurane
Other ingredients (inactive ingredients)	none

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

What SUPRANE looks like

SUPRANE is a colourless liquid supplied in an amber coloured glass bottle, or an aluminium bottle. The bottle contains 240 mL of desflurane (Aust R 60909).

Who distributes SUPRANE

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