

SUXAMETHONIUM 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 given Suxamethonium Juno?

Suxamethonium Juno contains the active ingredient Suxamethonium. Suxamethonium Juno is used to stop your muscles moving during surgery or medical procedures

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

2. What should I know before I am given Suxamethonium Juno?

Do not use if you have ever had an allergic reaction to Suxamethonium 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 Suxamethonium?](#) in the full CMI.

3. What if I am taking other medicines?

Some medicines may interfere with Suxamethonium 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 will I be given Suxamethonium Juno?

Suxamethonium Juno is an injection and will be given to you by an anaesthetist. It will not be given to you until you are asleep from an anaesthetic.

More instructions can be found in Section [4. How will I be given Suxamethonium Juno?](#) in the full CMI.

5. What should I know while using Suxamethonium Juno?

Things you should do	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tell your doctor if you have any of these medical conditions: Heart or lung problems, reduced red blood cells and iron stores (anaemia), under-active thyroid gland, liver problems, fever, paraplegia, severe injuries, cancer, skin diseases, broken bones, malnutrition, severe dehydration.• Tell your doctor if you have recently been in contact with weed killer or insecticides.
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 Suxamethonium Juno affects you

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

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.

Some of the more common and/or serious side effects are:

Mild side effects	Serious side effects
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• increased saliva levels or mucous production• rash• muscle twitching or pain• flushing• itching• more bowel movements than normal	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Change in heartbeat or palpitations• Eye pain• Muscle pain and stiffness• Fever• Breathing difficulties, rash or irritation• Feeling faint• Unusual tiredness and weakness

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.

SUXAMETHONIUM JUNO

Active ingredient: *Suxamethonium*

Consumer Medicine Information (CMI)

This leaflet provides important information about using Suxamethonium 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 Suxamethonium Juno.**

Where to find information in this leaflet:

- [1. Why am I given Suxamethonium Juno?](#)
- [2. What should I know before I am given Suxamethonium Juno?](#)
- [3. What if I am taking other medicines?](#)
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1. Why am I given Suxamethonium Juno?

Suxamethonium Juno contains the active ingredient Suxamethonium. Suxamethonium Juno belongs to a group of medicines called neuromuscular blockers which work by stopping messages being sent from the nerves to the muscles.

Suxamethonium Juno is used to stop your muscles moving during surgery or medical procedures.

2. What should I know before I am given Suxamethonium Juno?

Warnings

Do not use Suxamethonium Juno if:

- you are allergic to Suxamethonium, or any of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet.
- Always check the ingredients to make sure you can use this medicine.
- Have an allergy to or any other related medicines.

You should not be given Suxamethonium Juno if you have or have had:

- Severe muscle stiffness and fever (malignant hyperthermia)
- A family history or malignant hyperthermia
- Muscle disease or weakness (e.g. myasthenia gravis or muscular dystrophy, cerebral palsy, muscle wasting disease, paralysis, motor neurone disease)
- Glaucoma (increased pressure in the eye)
- Eye injuries
- Recent paraplegia
- Liver or kidney problems
- Severe burns
- High blood levels of potassium
- Prolonged infections

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 Suxamethonium Juno if you are pregnant or breastfeeding unless your doctor says so

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.

As with many medicines, Suxamethonium Juno may harm your developing or breastfeeding baby.

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 Suxamethonium Juno and affect how it works.

- Quinine
- Chloroquine, hydroxychloroquine
- Contraceptive pill
- Medicines containing oestrogen
- Medicines for depression or mental illness
- Medicines for epilepsy or seizures e.g. phenytoin
- Some antibiotics
- Diuretics
- Corticosteroids
- Medicines for reflux or stomach ulcers e.g. cimetidine
- Asthma reliever medication e.g. Bricanyl®
- Medicines for high blood pressure or heart problems
- Quinidine or digoxin or verapamil
- Magnesium salts
- Eye drops for glaucoma
- Some anticancer medicines
- Medicines to treat Alzheimer's disease
- Medicines to treat myasthenia gravis
- Medicines for coughs, cold, sleeping or tablets for allergies

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

4. How will I be given Suxamethonium Juno?

How you are given Suxamethonium Juno

Suxamethonium Juno will be given to you by an anaesthetist. It will not be given to you until you are asleep from an anaesthetic.

It will be given by injection into your bloodstream or muscles. The dose you will be given will be carefully worked out depending on the length of the procedure, and your body weight. Children will be given reduced amounts of Suxamethonium Juno.

Since Suxamethonium Juno will stop your muscles moving, it may be necessary for the anaesthetist to help you breath while you are being given it.

If you are given too much Suxamethonium Juno

The anaesthetist giving you Suxamethonium Juno will be experienced in its use, so it will be extremely unlikely that you will be given too much.

Suxamethonium Juno doses should be carefully worked out, so problems with overdose are unlikely. There is another medicine called neostigmine which can be used if needed to reverse the effects of too much Suxamethonium Juno

5. What should I know while using Suxamethonium Juno?

Things you should do

Tell your doctor if you have any of these medical conditions:

- Heart or lung problems
- Malnutrition or severe dehydration
- Reduced red blood cells and iron stores (anaemia)
- Under-active thyroid gland
- Liver or kidney problems
- Fever
- Paraplegia
- Severe injuries
- Cancer
- Skin diseases
- Broken bones
- Muscle disease
- Severe burns
- Imbalance in the body's blood chemistry

Tell your doctor if you have recently been in contact with weed killer or insecticides.

Driving or using machines

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

Looking after your medicine

The hospital will store Suxamethonium Juno under the correction conditions

Keep it where young children cannot reach it.

Getting rid of any unwanted medicine

Your doctor or pharmacist will dispose of any Suxamethonium Juno that may be 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.

Mild side effects

Mild side effects	What to do
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• increased saliva levels or mucous production• rash• muscle twitching or pain• flushing• itching• more bowel movements than normal• skin flushing• high/low blood pressure	Speak to your doctor if you have any of these less serious side effects and they worry you.

Serious side effects

Serious side effects	What to do
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• change in heartbeat or palpitations• eye pain• muscle pain and stiffness• fever• breathing difficulties, rash or irritation• feeling faint• Unusual tiredness and weakness• Swelling of eyelids, face, lips tongue or other parts of the body	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.

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 Suxamethonium Juno contains

Active ingredient (main ingredient)	Suxamethonium chloride dihydrate
Other ingredients (inactive ingredients)	Water for injections Hydrochloric acid for pH adjustment

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

What Suxamethonium Juno looks like

Suxamethonium Juno is a clear, colourless solution supplied in 2 mL glass ampoules.

Suxamethonium is supplied as:

Suxamethonium Juno 100 mg/2mL injection
(AUST R 320687)

Who distributes Suxamethonium Juno

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