

METARAMINOL ARX INJECTION

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 METARAMINOL ARX?

METARAMINOL ARX contains the active ingredient metaraminol tartrate. Metaraminol ARX is used to increase your blood pressure which can drop during spinal anaesthesia or can drop as a reaction to medications or surgical complications.

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

2. What should I know before I use METARAMINOL ARX?

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

3. What if I am taking other medicines?

Some medicines may interfere with metaraminol tartrate 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 METARAMINOL ARX?

The dose of METARAMINOL ARX Injection you will receive depends on your medical condition and other factors such as your weight. METARAMINOL ARX Injection is administered in a hospital as an injection into a vein or is diluted before use and given with fluids into a vein. This medicine must only be given by a doctor or nurse.

More instructions can be found in Section [4. How do I use METARAMINOL ARX?](#) in the full CMI.

5. What should I know while using METARAMINOL ARX?

Things you should do	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Remind any doctor, dentist or pharmacist you visit that you are using METARAMINOL ARX.Tell your doctor if you have or have had any medical condition, including sulfite sensitivity, liver disease, cirrhosis, heart disease, thyroid disease, high blood pressure, diabetes or malaria.
Driving or using machines	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The effects of this medicine on your ability to drive and use machinery has not been assessed. Be careful driving or operating machinery until you know how this medicine has affected you.
Looking after your medicine	<ul style="list-style-type: none">This medicine should only be given to you in hospital. It should be kept in its original packaging until it is given to you.METARAMINOL ARX must be stored below 25°C, protected from light.

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

6. Are there any side effects?

Some serious side effects that may occur include fast or pounding heartbeat, swelling of face, lips, mouth or throat which may cause difficulty in swallowing or breathing. Breathlessness or any difficulty breathing. If these occur tell your doctor immediately.

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.

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Active ingredient(s): *metaraminol tartrate*

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This leaflet provides important information about using METARAMINOL ARX. **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 METARAMINOL ARX.**

Where to find information in this leaflet:

- [1. Why am I using METARAMINOL ARX?](#)
- [2. What should I know before I use METARAMINOL ARX?](#)
- [3. What if I am taking other medicines?](#)
- [4. How do I use METARAMINOL ARX?](#)
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- [7. Product details](#)

1. Why am I using METARAMINOL ARX?

METARAMINOL ARX contains the active ingredient **metaraminol tartrate**. METARAMINOL ARX belongs to a group of medicines called sympathomimetic amines. It works by strengthening the contraction of the heart muscle and constricting blood vessels to help increase blood pressure.

METARAMINOL ARX is used to increase your blood pressure, which can drop during spinal anaesthesia or can drop as a reaction to medications or surgical complications.

Ask your doctor if you have any questions about why this medicine has been prescribed for you.

2. What should I know before I use METARAMINOL ARX?

Warnings

Do not use METARAMINOL ARX if:

- you are allergic to metaraminol, or any of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet. Symptoms of an allergic reaction include shortness of breath, wheezing or difficulty breathing, swelling of the face, lips, tongue or other parts of the body, rash, itching or hives on the skin. Always check the ingredients to make sure you can use this medicine.
- you are also being given cyclopropane or halothane anaesthesia (unless your doctor decides it is necessary).

Check with your doctor if you:

- have any other medical conditions including sulfite sensitivity, liver disease, cirrhosis, heart disease, thyroid disease, high blood pressure, diabetes or malaria.
- 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.

Children

Do not give this medicine to a child. Safety and effectiveness in children have not been established.

3. What if I am taking other medicines?

Tell your doctor 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 METARAMINOL ARX and affect how it works.

Some medicines and metaraminol may interfere with each other. These include:

- Certain medicines used to treat depression, e.g. monoamine oxidase inhibitors (MAOIs) or tricyclic antidepressants (TCAs)
- Digoxin, a medicine used to treat heart failure.

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

4. How do I use METARAMINOL ARX?

How much is given

Your doctor will decide on what dose of metaraminol injection you will receive and for how long you will receive it. This will depend on your medical condition and other factors, such as your weight.

How to give METARAMINOL ARX

- Metaraminol solution for injection is administered in a hospital as an injection into a vein, or it may be diluted before use and given with fluids into a vein. **This medicine must only be given by a doctor or nurse.**
- To reduce microbial hazard, use as soon as practicable after preparation. If storage is necessary, hold at 2-8°C for not more than 24 hours. The injection solution contains no antimicrobial preservative and is for single use in one patient only. Discard any residue.

If you are given too much METARAMINOL ARX

Metaraminol solution for injection is administered in a hospital, under the supervision of a doctor. Therefore, it is unlikely that you will receive too much. However, you should tell your doctor or nurse immediately if you feel unwell at all whilst you are being given metaraminol solution for injection. You may need urgent medical attention.

The Poisons information centre can be contacted on 13 11 26 for further advice on overdose management.

5. What should I know while using METARAMINOL ARX?

Things you should do

Always follow your doctor's instructions carefully. Your doctor or nurse will carefully monitor your blood pressure.

Driving or using machines

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

METARAMINOL ARX may cause a fast or pounding heartbeat, and swelling of the face, lips, mouth or throat which may cause difficulty in swallowing or breathing or breathlessness or any difficulty breathing in some people. If you have any of these symptoms, do not drive, operate machinery or do anything else that could be dangerous.

Looking after your medicine

Metaraminol solution for injection should only be given to you in a hospital.

- It should be kept in the original packaging until it has been given to you.
- It must be stored below 25°C and protected from light.

Follow the instructions in the carton on how to take care of your medicine properly.

Getting rid of any unwanted medicine

If you no longer need to use this medicine or it is out of date, take it to any pharmacy for safe disposal.

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 if you have any further questions about side effects.

Serious side effects

Serious side effects	What to do
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• skin problems at the site of injection• fast or pounding heartbeat• swelling of the face, lips, mouth or throat which may cause difficulty swallowing or breathing• breathlessness or any difficulty breathing	Tell your doctor straight away, if you notice any of these serious side effects whilst you are being given this medicine.

Tell your doctor 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 METARAMINOL ARX contains

Active ingredient (main ingredient)	metaraminol tartrate
Other ingredients (inactive ingredients)	sodium chloride sodium metabisulfite water for injections
Potential allergens	sulfites

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

What METARAMINOL ARX looks like

METARAMINOL ARX is a clear, colourless sterile solution. It is supplied in a pack of 5 clear glass ampoules.

METARAMINOL ARX 5 mg in 10 mL (AUST R 309267)

METARAMINOL ARX 10 mg in 1 mL (AUST R 309266)

Who distributes METARAMINOL ARX

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