

Baxter Water for Injections

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 receiving Baxter Water for Injections?

Baxter Water for Injections contains sterile water only. It is used to dilute or dissolve another medicine intended for an injection or infusion (drip).

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

2. What should I know before I receive Baxter Water for Injections?

Do not use Baxter Water for Injections if it has not been mixed with another medicine. Your doctor, nurse or pharmacist will add the prescribed medicine to the correct concentration so that it can be given safely.

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 receive Baxter Water for Injections?](#) in the full CMI.

3. What if I am taking other medicines?

Tell your doctor if you are taking any other medicines, including any medicines, vitamins or supplements.

See Section [3. What if I am taking other medicines?](#) in the full CMI.

4. How is Baxter Water for Injections given?

- Your doctor or nurse will add a prescribed medicine to Baxter Water for Injections in the correct concentration and give it either as a slow “drip” into a vein (infusion) or a smaller injection into a muscle.
- Your doctor will decide how much to give.

More instructions can be found in Section [4. How is Baxter Water for Injections given?](#) in the full CMI.

5. What should I know while receiving Baxter Water for Injections?

Things you should do	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discuss your progress with your doctor. They will monitor you closely during and after your injection or infusion.• Remind any doctor, nurse, dentist or pharmacist you visit that you have received Baxter Water for Injections.
Things you should not do	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Do not use Baxter Water for Injection if it has not been mixed with another medicine.
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 Baxter Water for Injections and the included medicine affects you.
Drinking alcohol	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tell your doctor if you drink alcohol, as it could affect the medicine prepared for you with Baxter Water for Injections.
Looking after your medicine	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Baxter Water for Injections will be stored in the pharmacy or in the ward, kept below 30°C.• If for any reason you need to keep this product at home, it should be stored in a locked cupboard. Do not freeze or expose to heat.

For more information, see Section [5. What should I know while receiving Baxter Water for Injections?](#) in the full CMI.

6. Are there any side effects?

For more information on what to do if you have any side effects, see Section [6. Are there any side effects?](#) in the full CMI.

Baxter Water for Injections

Ingredient: *Water for Injections (sterile water)*

Consumer Medicine Information (CMI)

This leaflet provides important information about using Baxter Water for Injections. **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 Baxter Water for Injections.**

Where to find information in this leaflet:

- [1. Why am I receiving Baxter Water for Injections?](#)
- [2. What should I know before I receive Baxter Water for Injections?](#)
- [3. What if I am taking other medicines?](#)
- [4. How is Baxter Water for Injections given?](#)
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1. Why am I receiving Baxter Water for Injections?

Baxter Water for Injections contains sterile (germ-free) water only.

Baxter Water for Injections is used to dilute or dissolve a medicine intended for injection or infusion by slow drip into a vein.

Your doctor or trained nurse will add the prescribed medicine to the correct concentration so that it can be given safely.

2. What should I know before I receive Baxter Water for Injections?

Warnings

Do not use Baxter Water for Injections if:

- it has not been mixed with another medicine. Your doctor, nurse or pharmacist will add the prescribed medicine to the correct concentration so that it can be given safely.

Check with your doctor if you:

- are allergic to any type of medication
- have any other medical conditions
- 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 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.

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

4. How is Baxter Water for Injections given?

How it is given

- Your doctor or nurse will add a prescribed medicine to Baxter Water for Injections in the correct concentration and give it either as:
 - a slow "drip" into a vein (infusion)
 - a smaller injection into a muscle.
- It will not be injected by itself, as plain water can damage red blood cells and body tissues if it enters the bloodstream.
- It is usually given in a hospital, clinic or nursing home. The infusion requires special equipment and medical training. You may receive it at home if your doctor has arranged it.

How much is given

- Your doctor will decide how much medicine to add to Baxter Water for Injections before it is given to you. The amount depends on your needs and condition.

If you are given too much Baxter Water for Injections

The doctor or nurse giving you Baxter Water for Injections is trained and experienced in its use, so it is unlikely that you will be given an overdose.

If you think that you have been given too much, you may need urgent medical attention.

You should immediately:

- phone the Poisons Information Centre (**by calling 13 11 26**), or
- contact your doctor, or
- go to the Emergency Department at your nearest hospital.

You should do this even if there are no signs of discomfort or poisoning.

5. What should I know while receiving Baxter Water for Injections?

Things you should do

During and after treatment, discuss your progress with your doctor. Tell them if you've had any side effects or concerns, especially during the first few days of therapy.

Your doctor and nurse will closely monitor you during treatment, and may use laboratory tests to make sure you are safely receiving the right amount of your medicine together with Baxter Water for Injections.

Remind any doctor, nurse, dentist or pharmacist you visit that you have received Baxter Water for Injections.

Things you should not do

- Do not use Baxter Water for Injection if it has not been mixed with another medicine.

Driving or using machines

Be careful before you drive or use any machines or tools until you know how Baxter Water for Injections and the included medicine affects you.

Drinking alcohol

Tell your doctor if you drink alcohol.

Alcohol may affect the medicine prepared for you with Baxter Water for Injections.

Looking after your medicine

Baxter Water for Injections will be stored in the pharmacy or in the ward, kept below 30°C.

If for any reason you need to keep this product at home, it should be stored in a locked cupboard.

- Store below 30°C.
- Do not freeze.
- Do not expose to heat.

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

Store it in a cool, dry place away from moisture, heat or sunlight; for example, do not store it:

- in the bathroom or near a sink, or
- in the car or on window sills.

Keep it where young children cannot reach it.

Getting rid of any unwanted medicine

This medicine is for single use, and for one person only. Your doctor or nurse will discard any unused product. They will not save unused portions for later, either for you or anyone else.

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.

Side effects may be related to the medicine added to the Water for Injections, rather than the Water for Injections itself.

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
At the infusion-site: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• redness, pain or inflammation at the site of injection Fluid-retention related: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• puffiness/swelling of the hands, feet or ankles or any body parts• sudden weight gain• difficulty breathing (due to fluid in the lungs) Others: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• fever	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
At the infusion site: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• swelling of the vein or nearby tissue If injected without the addition of another medicine: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• fatigue and tiredness• shortness of breath• pale or yellow skin (jaundice), including yellowing of the whites of the eyes• dark-coloured urine• rapid heartbeat or palpitations• dizziness or headaches• enlarged spleen or pain in the upper abdomen	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 Baxter Water for Injections contains

Active ingredient (main ingredient)	Water for Injections
Other ingredients (inactive ingredients)	none

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

What Baxter Water for Injections looks like

Baxter Water for Injections is sterile, clear, colourless water packaged in VIAFLEX plastic bags. It is available as:

- BAXTER WATER FOR INJECTIONS 1000mL injection BP bag – Aust R 19456

Who distributes Baxter Water for Injections

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