

# Lidocaine-Baxter

## 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 being Lidocaine-Baxter?

Lidocaine-Baxter contains the active ingredient Lidocaine hydrochloride (as monohydrate). Lidocaine-Baxter as a local anaesthetic to stop pain and feeling in the area around where it is injected. Lidocaine-Baxter is also used as an antiarrhythmic drug to restore irregular and/or rapid heartbeats to normal.

For more information, see Section [1. Why am I being given Lidocaine-Baxter?](#) in the full CMI.

### 2. What should I know before being given Lidocaine-Baxter?

Do not use if you have ever had an allergic reaction to Lidocaine-Baxter 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 being given Lidocaine-Baxter?](#) in the full CMI.

### 3. What if I am taking other medicines?

Some medicines may interfere with Lidocaine-Baxter 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 Lidocaine Injection given?

- Lidocaine-Baxter will be injected by your doctor into the skin, near a single nerve, or into an area which contains a large number of nerves.
- The dosage you will be given will depend on your body size, age and the type of pain relief required.
- Lidocaine-Baxter should not be injected directly into the blood.

More instructions can be found in Section [4. How is Lidocaine Injection given?](#) in the full CMI.

### 5. What should I know while being given Lidocaine-Baxter?

<b>Driving or using machines</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Be careful driving or operating machinery after you have received Lidocaine-Baxter.</li></ul>
<b>Drinking alcohol</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Do not drink alcohol while you are being given Lidocaine-Baxter.</li><li>• If you drink alcohol while you are being given Lidocaine-Baxter, your blood pressure may drop making you feel dizzy and faint.</li></ul>
<b>Looking after your medicine</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lidocaine-Baxter is stored below 30 °C.</li><li>• Discard any unused solution.</li></ul>

For more information, see Section [5. What should I know while being given Lidocaine-Baxter?](#) in the full CMI.

### 6. Are there any side effects?

Common and serious side effects are weakness, confusion, nervousness, drowsiness, disorientation, nausea, vomiting, headache, dizziness or light-headedness, ringing in the ears, slurred speech, numbness, tremors, twitching, breathing difficulties, blurred or double vision, fits or convulsions, skin rash, hives or itching, slow or rapid heart rate.

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.

# Lidocaine-Baxter

Active ingredient(s): *Lidocaine hydrochloride (as monohydrate)*

## Consumer Medicine Information (CMI)

This leaflet provides important information about using Lidocaine-Baxter. **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 Lidocaine-Baxter.**

Where to find information in this leaflet:

- [1. Why am I being given Lidocaine-Baxter?](#)
- [2. What should I know before being given Lidocaine-Baxter?](#)
- [3. What if I am taking other medicines?](#)
- [4. How is Lidocaine Injection given?](#)
- [5. What should I know while being given Lidocaine-Baxter?](#)
- [6. Are there any side effects?](#)
- [7. Product details](#)

## 1. Why am I being given Lidocaine-Baxter?

**Lidocaine-Baxter contains the active ingredient lidocaine hydrochloride.** Lidocaine-Baxter belongs to two groups of medicines known as local anaesthetic and antiarrhythmic drugs.

**Lidocaine Injection is used as a local anaesthetic to stop pain and feeling in the area around where it is injected.**

**Lidocaine Injection is also used as an antiarrhythmic drug to restore irregular and/or rapid heartbeats to normal.**

## 2. What should I know before being given Lidocaine-Baxter?

### Warnings

**Do not use Lidocaine-Baxter if:**

- you are allergic to lidocaine, or any of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet.  
Always check the ingredients to make sure you can use this medicine.
- you have an infection or swelling where the injection will be given
- you have blood infections or disorders
- you are in severe shock
- you have low blood pressure
- coagulation disorders or receiving anticoagulants
- you have diseases of the brain and spinal cord
- you have sudden frequent episodes of loss of consciousness
- you have myasthenia gravis, a severe muscle weakness
- you have certain heart problems.

If you are not sure whether any of these apply to you, check with your doctor.

### Check with your doctor if you:

have or have had any other medical conditions, especially the following:

- liver and/or kidney problems
- epilepsy and porphyria
- diseases of the brain and spinal cord
- heart problems
- severe fever
- problems with your blood pressure or circulation
- slow heartbeat
- low potassium level
- breathing difficulties
- low oxygen in blood

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.

**If you are pregnant or breastfeeding do not use Lidocaine-Baxter unless your doctor says so. Ask your doctor about the risks and benefits of using this medicine while you are pregnant or breastfeeding.**

Your baby can take in very small amounts of Lidocaine-Baxter from breast milk if you are breastfeeding, but it is unlikely that the amount available to the baby will do any harm.

## 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 Lidocaine-Baxter and affect how it works.**

- antiarrhythmics, medicines to control irregular heartbeats, e.g., amiodarone
- heart or blood pressure tablets, e.g., propranolol, metoprolol, atenolol
- cimetidine, a medicine used to treat reflux and ulcers
- medicines to control fits or epilepsy, e.g., phenytoin, carbamazepine, primidone, phenobarbitone

- alcohol
- warfarin, a medicine used to stop blood clots
- aspirin, salicylates or other non-steroidal antiinflammatory drugs (NSAIDS), medicines to relieve pain and inflammation
- some anaesthetics, nitrous oxide
- some medicines that relax the skeletal muscles, e.g., suxamethonium
- nitrates/nitrites e.g., nitric oxide, nitroglycerin, sodium nitroprusside
- antineoplastic agents e.g., cyclophosphamide monohydrate, flutamide, hydroxyurea, ifosfamide, rasburicase
- some antibiotics
- antimalarials e.g., chloroquine phosphate, primaquine
- other drugs such as paracetamol, metoclopramide, quinine, sulfasalazine.

Your doctor or pharmacist can tell you what to do if you are taking any of these 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 Lidocaine-Baxter.**

#### 4. How is Lidocaine Injection given?

##### How much is given

Lidocaine-Baxter will be injected by your doctor into the skin, near a single nerve, or into an area which contains a large number of nerves.

Lidocaine-Baxter can also be given by injection into the skin, directly into the blood stream.

The dosage you will be given will depend on your body size, age and the type of pain relief required. Your doctor will have had a lot of experience injecting Lidocaine-Baxter or other local anaesthetics and will choose the best dose for you.

##### If you are given too much Lidocaine-Baxter

The doctor giving you Lidocaine-Baxter will be experienced in the use of local anaesthetics, so it is unlikely that you will be given an overdose.

However, if you are particularly sensitive to Lidocaine-Baxter, or the dose is accidentally injected directly into your blood, you may develop problems for a short time with your sight or hearing. You may get a numb feeling in or around the mouth, feel dizzy or stiff, or have twitchy muscles.

Whenever you are given Lidocaine-Baxter, equipment will be available to care for you if an overdose happens.

If you think that you have used too much Lidocaine-Baxter, 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 being given Lidocaine-Baxter?

##### Things you should do

Tell your doctor or nurse if you do not feel well while or after you have been given Lidocaine-Baxter.

##### Driving or using machines

**Be careful driving or operating machinery until you know how Lidocaine-Baxter affects you.**

You may be drowsy, and your reflexes may be slow.

##### Drinking alcohol

**Do not drink alcohol while you are being given Lidocaine-Baxter.** If you drink alcohol while you are being given Lidocaine-Baxter, your blood pressure may drop making you feel dizzy and faint.

##### Looking after Lidocaine-Baxter

Lidocaine-Baxter will be stored by your doctor or pharmacist under the recommended conditions.

- Store below 30 °C.
- Lidocaine-Baxter does not contain any anti-microbial agent. Lidocaine-Baxter is for single use in one patient only. Discard any unused solution.

**Keep it where young children cannot reach it.**

##### Getting rid of any unwanted medicine

Your doctor or pharmacist will dispose of any Lidocaine-Baxter 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.

##### Less serious side effects

Less serious side effects	What to do
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• weakness, confusion, nervousness, agitation, drowsiness, disorientation or unconsciousness</li> <li>• nausea, vomiting, difficulty in swallowing</li> </ul>	<p><b>Speak to your doctor if you have any of these less serious side</b></p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>headache, dizziness or lightheadedness especially if you get up suddenly from a lying or sitting position</li> <li>ringing in the ears</li> <li>slurred speech, sensations of heat and cold</li> <li>numbness, tremors, twitching</li> <li>slow heartbeat, low blood pressure</li> <li>breathing difficulties</li> <li>blurred or double vision</li> <li>numbness of the tongue</li> </ul>	<b>effects and they worry you.</b>
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### Serious side effects

Serious side effects	What to do
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>fits or convulsions</li> <li>skin rash, hives or itching</li> <li>unconsciousness</li> <li>breathing problems</li> <li>low blood pressure</li> <li>slow heartbeat</li> <li>collapse</li> <li>pale, grey, or blue coloured skin (cyanosis)</li> <li>rapid heart rate</li> </ul>	<b>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.</b>

**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](http://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 Lidocaine-Baxter contains

<b>Active ingredient (main ingredient)</b>	Lidocaine hydrochloride
<b>Other ingredients (inactive ingredients)</b>	Sodium Chloride in Water for Injections
<b>Potential allergens</b>	Nil

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

### What Lidocaine-Baxter looks like

Lidocaine-Baxter is a clear, colourless to almost colourless, sterile, isotonic, preservative-free solution containing Lidocaine hydrochloride (as monohydrate) 1% or 2% supplied as below:

- Lidocaine-Baxter 20 mg/2 mL, is available in packs of 5, 10 and 25 ampoules (AUST R 222074)
- Lidocaine-Baxter 50 mg/5 mL, is available in packs of 5, 10 and 25 ampoules (AUST R 222077)
- Lidocaine-Baxter 200 mg/20 mL, is available in packs of 1 vial (AUST R 222076)
- Lidocaine-Baxter 40 mg/2 mL, is available in packs of 5, 10 and 25 ampoules (AUST R 222075)
- Lidocaine-Baxter 100 mg/5 mL, is available in packs of 5, 10 and 25 ampoules (AUST R 222072)
- Lidocaine-Baxter 400 mg/20 mL, is available in packs of 1 vial (AUST R 222073)

### Who distributes Lidocaine-Baxter

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