

ASPEN ADRENALINE 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 ASPEN ADRENALINE injection?

ASPEN ADRENALINE injection contains the active ingredient adrenaline (epinephrine). ASPEN ADRENALINE injection is usually only given in cases of extreme emergency.

ASPEN ADRENALINE may be used following a heart attack, or to make the heart beat if it has stopped.

It is also used in the emergency treatment of severe allergic reactions to insect bites or stings, medicines, foods or other substances. It may also be given during acute asthma attacks for severe breathing difficulties.

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

2. What should I know before I use ASPEN ADRENALINE injection?

Do not use if you have ever had an allergic reaction to ASPEN ADRENALINE injection or any of the ingredients listed at the end of the CMI.

Do not use this medicine if you are in childbirth labour.

Talk to your doctor if you have any other medical conditions, take any other medicines, are pregnant or are breastfeeding.

For more information, see Section [2. What should I know before I use ASPEN ADRENALINE injection?](#) in the full CMI.

3. What if I am taking other medicines?

Some medicines may interfere with ASPEN ADRENALINE Injection 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 ASPEN ADRENALINE Injection?

- Your doctor will decide what dose you will receive. This depends on your condition and other factors, such as your weight.
- ASPEN ADRENALINE injection is normally given by a doctor or nurse.
- The injection will usually be given just under the skin; however, it can also be given into the muscle (but not the buttocks)
- In an emergency situation, ASPEN ADRENALINE 1 mg/10 mL can also be injected very slowly into a vein.

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

5. What should I know while using ASPEN ADRENALINE Injection?

Things you should do	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tell your doctor or nurse if you are taking any other medicines.• Tell your doctor if you are pregnant or are breastfeeding.• Tell your doctor if you have allergies to any other medicines, foods, preservatives or dyes.
Things you should not do	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• You should not use ASPEN ADRENALINE if you are in childbirth labour.
Looking after your medicine	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• It should be kept in a cool dry place, protected from light where the temperature stays below 25°C.

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

6. Are there any side effects?

Tell your doctor or nurse as soon as possible if you do not feel well while you are being treated with ASPEN ADRENALINE Injection.

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.

ASPEN ADRENALINE injection

Active ingredient: *adrenaline (epinephrine)*

Consumer Medicine Information (CMI)

This leaflet provides important information about using ASPEN ADRENALINE injection.

You should also speak to your doctor or nurse if you would like further information or if you have any concerns or questions about using ASPEN ADRENALINE injection.

Where to find information in this leaflet:

- [1. Why am I using ASPEN ADRENALINE injection?](#)
- [2. What should I know before I use ASPEN ADRENALINE injection?](#)
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It may also be given during acute asthma attacks or severe breathing difficulties as it helps to open up the airways making it easier to breathe.

In heart conditions it can help to restart the heart and stimulates it to beat more strongly.

Ask your doctor if you have any questions about why this medicine has been given to you.

Your doctor may have decided to give this medicine to you for another purpose.

2. What should I know before I am given ASPEN ADRENALINE injection?

Warnings

You must not be given ASPEN ADRENALINE injection if:

- you have an allergy to any medicine containing adrenaline (epinephrine) or any of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet.
 - Some symptoms of an allergic reaction may 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.
- you are in childbirth labour. It can stop the contractions in the uterus.
- the expiry date printed on the pack has passed.
- the packaging is torn or shows signs of tampering.

Check with your doctor, nurse or pharmacist if you:

- have allergies to any other medicines, foods, preservatives or dyes.
- have or have had any of the following medical conditions:
 - heart or blood vessel disease
 - glaucoma (increased pressure in the eye)
 - brain damage
 - stroke
 - diabetes
 - high blood pressure
 - lung disease
 - angina or chest pain
 - overactive thyroid gland.

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

Tell your doctor if you are pregnant or are breastfeeding.

Your doctor can discuss with you the risks and benefits involved.

3. What if I am taking other medicines?

Tell your doctor or nurse 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 and ASPEN ADRENALINE injection may interfere with each other. These include:

- blood pressure medicines
- medicines for your heart
- general anaesthetics
- diuretics
- corticosteroids
- diabetes medicines.

These medicines may be affected by adrenaline (epinephrine) or may affect how well it works. You may need different amounts of your medicines or you may need to take different medicines.

Your doctor or nurse have more information on medicines to be careful with or avoid while being treated with this medicine.

4. How is ASPEN ADRENALINE injection given?

How much is given

Your doctor will decide what dose you will receive. This depends on your condition and other factors, such as your weight.

How it is given

This medicine is normally given by a doctor or a nurse in a hospital setting or a paramedic if it is an emergency situation.

The injection will usually be given just under the skin or into the muscle (but not into the buttocks).

In an emergency situation, ASPEN ADRENALINE 1 mg/10 mL ampoule [adrenaline (epinephrine) 1 in 10000] can also be injected very slowly into a vein.

If you are given too much ASPEN ADRENALINE injection

The medical professional giving you ASPEN ADRENALINE injection will be experienced in its use, so it is extremely unlikely that you will be given too much.

Tell your doctor or nurse immediately if you experience any side effects after being given ASPEN ADRENALINE injection.

If any overdose occurs, you should immediately:

- phone the Poisons Information Centre for advice (by calling 13 11 26 in Australia or 0800 POISON or 0800 764 766 in New Zealand), 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.

You may need urgent medical attention.

Symptoms of overdose may include feeling unwell, flushing or abnormal heart beats and headaches.

5. What should I know while being given ASPEN ADRENALINE injection?

Things you should do

Tell your doctor or nurse if:

- you have any questions about why this medicine has been given to you.
- you have allergies to any other medicines, foods, preservatives or dyes.
- you are taking any other medicines.
- you are pregnant or are breast-feeding.

Remind any doctor or nurse you visit that you have been given ASPEN ADRENALINE injection.

Driving or using machines

This medicine is not expected to affect your ability to drive a car or operate machinery.

Looking after this medicine

ASPEN ADRENALINE injection will usually be stored in the hospital ward or in emergency medical kits like in ambulances.

It should be kept in a cool dry place, protected from light where the temperature stays below 25°C.

6. Are there any side effects?

This medicine is usually only given in life-threatening circumstances.

Tell your doctor or nurse as soon as possible if you do not feel well while you are being treated with ASPEN ADRENALINE injection.

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 nurse 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"> • fear or anxiety • tension • restlessness • headache • tremor • weakness • dizziness • abnormal heart beat or palpitations. 	<p>Speak to your doctor or nurse if you have any of these less serious side effects and they worry you.</p> <p>These common side effects are usually mild and short lived.</p>

Serious side effects

Serious side effects	What to do
<ul style="list-style-type: none">difficulty in breathingwhiteness, swelling, pain or loss of feeling at the site of injection.	Tell your doctor or nurse 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 nurse 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.

7. Product details

ASPEN ADRENALINE injection will usually be available in the hospital ward or in emergency medical kits like in ambulances.

What ASPEN ADRENALINE injection contains

Active ingredient (main ingredient)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">1 mg/mL adrenaline (epinephrine). or <ul style="list-style-type: none">1 mg/10 mL adrenaline (epinephrine).
Other ingredients (inactive ingredients)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">tartaric acidsodium metabisulfitesodium chloridewater for injections.
Potential allergens	<ul style="list-style-type: none">sulfites.

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

What ASPEN ADRENALINE injection looks like

ASPEN ADRENALINE injection is a clear, colourless, sterile solution available in two different strengths.

- ASPEN ADRENALINE 1 mg/mL [adrenaline (epinephrine) 1 in 1000] is available in packs of 5 ampoules.
- ASPEN ADRENALINE 1 mg/10 mL ampoule [adrenaline (epinephrine) 1 in 10000] is available in packs of 10 ampoules.

Australian Registration numbers:

ASPEN ADRENALINE 1 mg/mL: AUST R 131782

ASPEN ADRENALINE 1 mg/10 mL: AUST R 162463

Who distributes ASPEN ADRENALINE injection

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