

Milrinone GH

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 I am using Milrinone GH ?

Milrinone GH contains the active ingredient Milrinone (as lactate). Milrinone GH is used for the short-term treatment of severe congestive heart failure. This is a condition where the heart fails to pump enough blood around the body.

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

2. What should I know before I use Milrinone GH?

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

Milrinone GH should not be given if you are pregnant or breastfeeding, unless you and your doctor have discussed the risks and benefits involved.

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

3. What if I am taking other medicines?

Some medicines may interfere with Milrinone GH 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 Milrinone GH?

- Milrinone GH is usually given to you in hospital. It is given to you as a series of injections.

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

5. What should I know while using Milrinone GH?

Things you should do	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• You must tell your doctor if<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ you suffer from kidney disease;▪ you already suffer from another heart condition;▪ you are allergic to other drugs used to treat congestive heart failure.
Things you should not do	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Do not take any other medicines whether they require a prescription or not without first telling your doctor.
Looking after your medicine	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Milrinone GH should be stored below 30°C. Do not freeze.• For single use in one patient on one occasion only. Discard any remaining residue.

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

6. Are there any side effects?

Tell your doctor as soon as possible if you do not feel well while Milrinone GH is being given to you.

All medicines have side effects. Sometimes they are serious, most of the time they are not.

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.

Milrinone GH

Active ingredient(s): *Milrinone (as lactate)*

Consumer Medicine Information (CMI)

This leaflet provides important information about using Milrinone GH. **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 Milrinone-Baxter.**

Where to find information in this leaflet:

1. [Why I am using Milrinone GH?](#)
2. [What should I know before I use Milrinone- GH](#)
3. [What if I am taking other medicines?](#)
4. [How do I use Milrinone GH?](#)
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6. [Are there any side effects?](#)
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1. Why I am using Milrinone GH?

Milrinone GH contains the active ingredient Milrinone (as lactate). Milrinone GH is used for the short-term treatment of severe congestive heart failure. This is a condition where the heart fails to pump enough blood around the body.

The symptoms of this condition include weakness, breathlessness, fluid build-up in the tissues and a blue discolouration of the skin.

Milrinone GH also helps to maintain the output of blood from the heart in patients following heart surgery.

Milrinone GH helps improve the efficiency with which your heart pumps blood around your body.

Milrinone GH works by increasing the force by which your heart muscles work and opening up your blood vessels to allow blood to flow more freely.

2. What should I know before I use Milrinone GH?

Warnings

You must not be given Milrinone GH if:

- you are allergic to milrinone, similar medicines, or any of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet.
- you have certain severe problems (obstructive aortic or pulmonary valvular disease).
- you are pregnant or breastfeeding, unless you and your doctor have discussed the risks and benefits involved.

Check with your doctor if you:

- have any other medical conditions:
 - you suffer from kidney disease;
 - you already suffer from another heart condition;
 - you are allergic to other drugs used to treat congestive heart failure.

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.

Milrinone GH should not be given if you are pregnant or breastfeeding, unless you and your doctor have discussed the risks and benefits involved.

It is not known whether Milrinone GH can harm your baby or whether it is found in breast milk.

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.

These medicines may be affected by milrinone, or may affect how well it works. You may need to take different amounts of your medicine, or you may need to take different medicines. Your doctor will advise you.

Your doctor and pharmacist may have more information on medicines to be careful with or avoid while taking Milrinone GH.

If you have not told your doctor about any of these things, tell them before Milrinone GH is given to you.

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

4. How do I use Milrinone GH?

How much will be given

Milrinone GH is usually given to you in hospital. It is given to you as a series of injections as follows:

Adults

Initial Dose

One injection given slowly over a 10 minute period.

Second Dose

Milrinone GH will be diluted with intravenous fluids and injected slowly into a vein. This "infusion" may last up

to 48 hours. The dose used will depend upon the severity of your condition.

Milrinone GH is not recommended for use in children.

If you have any questions about how to Milrinone GH is given, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

If you are given too much Milrinone GH

Too high a dose of Milrinone GH may cause low blood pressure. If this occurs, the dose of Milrinone GH may be reduced or the infusion temporarily stopped.

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 using Milrinone GH?

Things you should do

Remind any doctor, dentist or pharmacist you visit that you are receiving Milrinone GH.

Things you should not do

- Do not take any other medicines whether they require a prescription or not without first telling your doctor.

Driving or using machines

- Ask your doctor when you can return to work involving driving, or operating machinery or heavy equipment as effects of this medicine on a person's ability to drive and use machines were not assessed as part of its registration.

Looking after your medicine

- Milrinone GH should be stored below 30°C. Do not freeze. For single use in one patient on one occasion only. Discard any remaining residue.

Keep out of the reach and sight of children.

When to discard Milrinone GH

Any portion of the contents remaining after use should be discarded.

Getting rid of any unwanted medicine

If you no longer need to use this medicine or it is out of date, hospital staff will take it to the 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 or pharmacist if you have any further questions about side effects.

Less serious side effects

Less serious side effects	What to do
Nervous system related <ul style="list-style-type: none">• headaches; Skin related <ul style="list-style-type: none">• skin rashes.	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
Heart related <ul style="list-style-type: none">• an irregular heartbeat;• low blood pressure;• light-headedness, dizziness;• chest pain;• Rapid breathing and rapid heartbeat in infants (symptoms of Patent ductus arteriosus) Kidney related <ul style="list-style-type: none">• decreased amount of urine• swelling• weight gain• tiredness• seizures Liver function related <ul style="list-style-type: none">• yellowing of the skin or eyes• dark urine• pain in the upper right side of the 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 Milrinone GH contains

Active ingredient (main ingredient)	Milrinone (lactate)
Other ingredients (inactive ingredients)	Glucose, Lactic Acid, Sodium hydroxide and Water for injections.
Potential allergens	NA

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

What Milrinone GH looks like

Milrinone GH 10 mg/10 mL concentrated injection is a clear, colourless to pale yellow sterile solution, practically free from visible particles. (AUST R 204795)

Milrinone GH is available in vials of 10 mL and is supplied in boxes containing 1 or 10 ampoules.

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