

Biological Therapies Sodium Ascorbate Solution Injection for Intravenous Infusion

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 given this medicine?

This medicine contains the active ingredient Sodium Ascorbate. This medicine is used to treat if you have a diagnosed Vitamin C deficiency and are unable to absorb sufficient vitamin C when taking it by mouth.

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

2. What should I know before I am given this medicine?

Do not use if you have ever had an allergic reaction to this medicine 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 am given this medicine?](#) in the full CMI.

3. What if I am taking other medicines?

Some medicines may interfere with Biological Therapies Sodium Ascorbate Solution 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 is this medicine given to me?

This medicine will be infused intravenously (slowly injected into a vein) by your doctor. Your doctor will tell you how much you will be given and the length of treatment right for you. More instructions can be found in Section [4. How is this medicine given to me?](#) in the full CMI.

5. What should I know while being given this medicine?

Things you must do	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Remind or tell any doctor, surgeon, anaesthetist, dentist or pharmacist you visit that you are being treated with Biological Therapies Sodium Ascorbate Solution Injection for Intravenous Infusion.• Tell your doctor if you feel that giving this medicine is not helping your condition.• Keep all of your doctor's appointments so that your progress can be checked.
Things you must not do	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Do not take any other medicines without first telling your doctor or consulting a pharmacist.• Do not give this medicine to anyone else, even if they have the same condition as you.
Looking after your medicine	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• This medicine is usually stored in the doctor's surgery or clinic, or at the pharmacy,• It should be stored refrigerated (store at 2°C to 8°C), do not freeze and where children cannot reach it.• This medicine is for SINGLE USE in one patient on one occasion only.

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

6. Are there any side effects?

The more common side effects of this medicine are dehydration, feeling thirsty, dizziness and light-headedness. 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): *Sodium Ascorbate*

Consumer Medicine Information (CMI)

This leaflet provides important information about using Biological Therapies Sodium Ascorbate Solution Injection for Intravenous Infusion. **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 Biological Therapies Sodium Ascorbate Solution Injection for Intravenous Infusion.**

Where to find information in this leaflet:

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1. Why am I being given this medicine?

Biological Therapies Sodium Ascorbate Solution Injection for Intravenous Infusion contains the active ingredient sodium ascorbate (Vitamin C).

Biological Therapies Sodium Ascorbate Solution Injection for Intravenous Infusion may be prescribed if you have a diagnosed Vitamin C deficiency and are unable to absorb sufficient Vitamin C when taking it by mouth.

Your doctor may have prescribed Sodium Ascorbate Solution Injection for Intravenous Infusion for another reason. **Ask your doctor if you have any questions about why Sodium Ascorbate Solution Injection for Intravenous Infusion has been prescribed for you.**

Sodium Ascorbate Solution Injection for Intravenous Infusion is not addictive.

2. What should I know before I am given this medicine?

Warnings

You must not be given this medicine if:

- You have a known allergy to Vitamin C.** If you have had an allergic reaction to vitamin C before, you may be allergic to Sodium Ascorbate Solution Injection for Intravenous Infusion.

- You have kidney disease or kidney stones.** There have been a few cases where injected vitamin C has made kidney disease worse.

If you are not sure whether you should have Sodium Ascorbate Solution Injection for Intravenous Infusion given, talk to your doctor.

Check with your doctor if you have:

- kidney disease or kidney stones.
- haemochromatosis, thalassaemia, polycythemia, leukaemia or sideroblastic anaemia due to enhanced absorption of dietary iron.
- high uric acidity.
- high sodium levels.
- Sickle Cell Anaemia.
- G6PD (Glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase Deficiency).
- had an allergy to any of the ingredients in this medicine, any other medicines or any other substances, such as foods, preservatives or dyes.**

If you have not told your doctor about any allergies you might have, tell them before you have Sodium Ascorbate Solution Injection for Intravenous Infusion given.

If you have any of the above medical illnesses or conditions, you must tell your doctor. Your doctor will discuss the risks and benefits of using Sodium Ascorbate Solution Injection for Intravenous Infusion if you have any of these illnesses or conditions.

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.

Your doctor will discuss the risks and benefits of using Sodium Ascorbate Solution Injection for Intravenous Infusion while pregnant or breastfeeding

If you have not told your doctor about any of the above, tell them before you are given Sodium Ascorbate Solution Injection for Intravenous Infusion.

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 Sodium Ascorbate Solution Injection for Intravenous Infusion and affect how it works.

These include:

- Aspirin
- Iron Oral Supplements
- Alcohol
- Amphetamine or other anti-depressants
- Dicoumarol or Warfarin, medicines used to prevent blood clots
- Ethinyloestradiol, a medicine used in oral contraceptives
- Desferrioxamine, a medicine used to lower iron stores
- Isoprenaline, a medicine used as a heart medication
- Mexiletine, a medicine used as a heart medication and for nerve pain
- Barbiturates or primidone, medicines used as sedatives
- Fluphenazine, a medicine used in psychiatric treatment.

These medicines may be affected by Sodium Ascorbate Injection, or affect how well it works. You may need different amounts of your medicines, or you may need to take different medicines.

Your doctor and pharmacist have more information about medicines to be careful with, or avoid while you are being treated with this medicine.

Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure about what medicines, vitamins or supplements you are taking and if these affect Sodium Ascorbate Solution Injection for Intravenous Infusion.

4. How is this medicine given to me?

Sodium Ascorbate Solution Injection for Intravenous Infusion will be infused (slowly injected) intravenously (into a vein) by your doctor. Your doctor will decide the best way to do this.

How much is given

Your doctor will tell you how much Sodium Ascorbate Solution Injection for Intravenous Infusion will need to be given.

How long is the treatment time with this medicine

Each person will respond differently to Sodium Ascorbate Solution Injection for Intravenous Infusion.

Your doctor will advise you about the length of treatment with Sodium Ascorbate Solution Injection for Intravenous Infusion.

If you miss an appointment or need to change an appointment

If you miss an appointment, talk to your doctor and arrange another appointment as soon as possible.

If you are not sure what to do, contact your doctor or pharmacist as soon as possible.

If too much of this medicine is given

Your doctor should be the only person to inject Sodium Ascorbate Solution Injection for Intravenous Infusion.

If you think that you or anyone else may have been given too much Sodium Ascorbate Solution Injection for Intravenous Infusion. 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 this medicine?

Things you must do

- If you about to be started on any new medicine, remind your doctor and pharmacist that you are being treated with Sodium Ascorbate Solution Injection for Intravenous Infusion.
- Tell all doctors, dentists and pharmacists who treat you that you are being given this medicine.
- It is common to become dehydrated or feel thirsty while being given Sodium Ascorbate Solution Injection for Intravenous Infusion. You should drink plenty of water during and after your injection.
- Sometimes people feel dizzy or faint during an injection of Sodium Ascorbate Solution Injection for Intravenous Infusion. If this happens, immediately tell the person giving you the injection.

- Tell your doctor if you feel that giving Sodium Ascorbate Solution Injection for Intravenous Infusion is not helping your condition.
- Keep all of your doctor's appointments so that your progress can be checked. Your doctor may do some tests from time to time to make sure the medicine is working and to prevent unwanted side effects.

Things you must not do

- Do not attempt to inject this medicine yourself.
- Do not take any other medicines, whether they require a prescription or not, without first telling your doctor or consulting a pharmacist.
- Do not use this medicine if the packaging is torn or shows signs of tampering.

Driving or using machines

Be careful driving or operating machinery until you know how Sodium Ascorbate Solution Injection for Intravenous Infusion affects you.

Sometimes people feel dizzy or faint during an injection of Sodium Ascorbate Solution Injection for Intravenous Infusion. If you have any of these symptoms, do not drive, operate machinery or do anything else that could be dangerous.

Drinking alcohol

Tell your doctor if you drink alcohol.

Looking after your medicine

Unopened bags or vials of Sodium Ascorbate Solution Injection for Intravenous Infusion are to be stored at 2 °C to 8 °C (Refrigerate. Do not freeze).

Keep it where young children cannot reach it.

When to discard your medicine

This product is for SINGLE USE in one patient on one occasion only. It is for use in one patient on one occasion only and any left over must be discarded.

Getting rid of any unwanted medicine

If your doctor tells you to stop taking this medicine or the expiry date has passed, ask your pharmacist what to do with any vials that are left over.

Do not use this medicine after the expiry date. If you have this medicine after the expiry date, it may not work and it may be harmful to you.

6. Are there any side effects?

Tell your doctor or pharmacist as soon as possible if you do not feel well while you are being given or treated with Sodium Ascorbate Solution Injection for Intravenous Infusion.

This medicine helps most people with Vitamin C deficiency and related disorders, but it may have unwanted side effects in a few people. All medicines can have side effects. Sometimes they are serious, most of the time they are not. You may need medical attention if you get some of the side effects.

Do not be alarmed by the following lists. You may not experience any of them.

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"> • Dizziness or light-headedness (feeling faint) • Dehydration or feeling thirsty 	<p>Speak to your doctor, nurse or pharmacist if you notice any of these less serious side effects and they worry you.</p>

Serious side effects

Serious side effects	What to do
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • shortness of breath, troubled breathing, tightness of chest, wheezing • reddened skin • fever • general weakness or discomfort • skin rash or itching • nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea, or abdominal pain • headache or dizziness 	<p>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.</p>

The above list are rare allergic side effects and you may need urgent medical attention.

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you notice anything else that may be making you feel unwell, even if is not on this list. This is not a complete list of all possible side effects. Others may occur in some people and there may be some side effects not yet known.

Ask your doctor or pharmacist if you don't understand anything in this list.

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

What Sodium Ascorbate Solution Injection for Intravenous Infusion contains

Active ingredient (main ingredient)	Sodium Ascorbate
Other ingredients (inactive ingredients)	Water for injections

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

This medicine does not contain gluten, lactose, sucrose, tartrazine or any other azo dyes.

What Biological Therapies Sodium Ascorbate Solution Injection for Intravenous Infusion looks like

Biological Therapies Sodium Ascorbate Solution Injection for Intravenous Infusion comes in plastic bags or glass vials (bottles).

Sodium Ascorbate Solution Injection for Intravenous Infusion is a clear and colourless or slightly straw coloured solution with a pH range of 6.0 – 8.0. When it is first made it is less straw coloured and as it gets older and toward the end of the expiry date it becomes more straw coloured.

This medicine is packed in the following sizes and concentrations:

- 30 g in 100 mL Vial or Bag
- 15 g in 50 mL Vial or Bag
- 15 g in 100 mL Vial or Bag
- 45 g in 500 mL Bag

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- 30 g in 100 mL Vial - AUST R 47757
- 15 g in 50 mL Vial - AUST R 22283
- 15 g in 100 mL Vial - AUST R 22282
- 30 g in 100 mL Bag - AUST R 47750
- 15 g in 50 mL Bag - AUST R 22254
- 15 g in 100 mL Bag - AUST R 22284
- 45 g in 500 mL Bag – AUST R 22286

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