

# Potassium Chloride, Sodium Chloride and Glucose Solution 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 receiving Potassium Chloride, Sodium Chloride and Glucose?

Potassium Chloride, Sodium Chloride and Glucose contains a mix of fluid, salts (potassium, sodium, chloride) and glucose. It is used to replenish fluid loss, restore or maintain electrolytes, provide energy, and deliver other intravenous medicines (if they mix safely with this solution).

For more information, see Section [1. Why am I receiving Potassium Chloride, Sodium Chloride and Glucose?](#) in the full CMI.

### 2. What should I know before I receive Potassium Chloride, Sodium Chloride and Glucose?

Do not use if you have ever had an allergic reaction to 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 receive Potassium Chloride, Sodium Chloride and Glucose?](#) in the full CMI.

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

Some medicines may interfere with Potassium Chloride, Sodium Chloride and Glucose 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 Potassium Chloride, Sodium Chloride and Glucose given?

- Your doctor or trained nurse will give the medicine by an infusion (drip) into a vein (intravenously).
- Your doctor will decide how much to give. The amount depends on your need and condition.

More instructions can be found in Section [4. How is Potassium Chloride, Sodium Chloride and Glucose given?](#) in the full CMI.

### 5. What should I know while receiving Potassium Chloride, Sodium Chloride and Glucose?

<b>Things you should do</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Remind any doctor, nurse, dentist or pharmacist you visit that you are using Potassium Chloride, Sodium Chloride and Glucose.</li></ul>
<b>Things you should not do</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Do not stop using this medicine suddenly.</li></ul>
<b>Driving or using machines</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Be careful before you drive or use any machines or tools until you know how this product affects you.</li></ul>
<b>Drinking alcohol</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tell your doctor if you drink alcohol.</li></ul>
<b>Looking after your medicine</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• This medicine will be stored in the pharmacy or the hospital ward, below 30°C.</li></ul>

For more information, see Section [5. What should I know while receiving Potassium Chloride, Sodium Chloride and Glucose?](#) in the full CMI.

### 6. Are there any side effects?

There are serious and less serious side effects associated with Potassium Chloride, Sodium Chloride and Glucose. 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.

If you experience any side effects, discuss with your doctor, nurse or pharmacist.

# Potassium Chloride, Sodium Chloride and Glucose Solution for Intravenous Infusion

Active ingredient(s): *potassium chloride, sodium chloride and glucose*

## Consumer Medicine Information (CMI)

This leaflet provides important information about using Potassium Chloride, Sodium Chloride and Glucose Solution for Intravenous Infusion (Potassium Chloride, Sodium Chloride and Glucose). **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 Potassium Chloride, Sodium Chloride and Glucose.**

Where to find information in this leaflet:

[1. Why am I receiving Potassium Chloride, Sodium Chloride and Glucose?](#)

[2. What should I know before I receive Potassium Chloride, Sodium Chloride and Glucose?](#)

[3. What if I am taking other medicines?](#)

[4. How is Potassium Chloride, Sodium Chloride and Glucose given?](#)

[5. What should I know while receiving Potassium Chloride, Sodium Chloride and Glucose?](#)

[6. Are there any side effects?](#)

[7. Product details](#)

## 1. Why am I receiving Potassium Chloride, Sodium Chloride and Glucose?

Potassium Chloride, Sodium Chloride and Glucose contains the active ingredients:

- potassium chloride
- sodium chloride
- glucose

Potassium Chloride, Sodium Chloride and Glucose is used to:

- replenish fluid loss
- restore or maintain electrolytes
- provide energy
- deliver other intravenous medicines (if they are safe to mix with Potassium Chloride, Sodium Chloride and Glucose).

## 2. What should I know before I receive Potassium Chloride, Sodium Chloride and Glucose?

### Warnings

Do not use Potassium Chloride, Sodium Chloride and Glucose if:

- you are allergic to any of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet
- you have had an allergic reaction to corn or corn products
- always check the ingredients to make sure you can use this medicine
- you have abnormally high blood levels of glucose, lactate, potassium, sodium and/or chloride
- you have severe kidney problems (passing little or no urine)
- you have heart failure (not adequately controlled)
- you have Addison's disease
- you have had a head trauma (within the last 24 hours)
- you have recently had a stroke

### Check with your doctor if you:

- have high blood pressure
- have heart disease
- have swelling of the hands, ankles or feet
- have build-up of fluid in the lungs
- have kidney or adrenal gland problems
- have dehydration, extensive tissue damage or severe burns
- have diabetes or impaired glucose tolerance
- have a vitamin B1 deficiency or chronic alcoholism
- have metabolic acidosis (abnormal blood pH)
- have an infection
- 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 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.

## 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 and Potassium Chloride, Sodium Chloride and Glucose may interfere with each other and affect your health. These include:**

### Medicines that may lead to high levels of potassium in your blood:

- potassium-sparing diuretics (amiloride, spironolactone, triamterene)
- angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitors or angiotensin II receptor antagonists or beta-blockers (used in treatment of high blood pressure)
- tacrolimus and cyclosporin (used to prevent rejection of a transplant)
- heparin (used to treat blood clotting)

### Medicines that may lead to very low sodium levels in your blood:

- clofibrate, a medicine to lower cholesterol
- antiepileptics (anti-seizure medicines) such as carbamazepine and oxcarbazepine
- chemotherapy medicines for cancer such as chlorpropamide, vincristine, ifosfamide, cyclophosphamide
- medicines to treat depression and anxiety
- antipsychotics, which help manage psychosis
- pain relievers such as opioids and NSAIDs
- medicines to treat diabetes such as desmopressin and vasopressin
- terlipressin, a medicine to treat liver and kidney problems
- oxytocin, a medicine used to induce labour and control postpartum bleeding
- diuretics, medicines used to increase urine output.

### Other medicines:

- corticosteroids (anti-inflammatory medicines)
- corticotrophin (used for diagnosis or to treat swelling)
- lithium (used to treat psychiatric illnesses)
- digoxin
- digitalis glycosides
- sodium bicarbonate
- other medicines used to treat diabetes, such as insulin

**Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure about what medicines, vitamins or supplements you are taking and if these affect Potassium Chloride, Sodium Chloride and Glucose.**

## 4. How is Potassium Chloride, Sodium Chloride and Glucose given?

### How it is given

- Your doctor or trained nurse will give Potassium Chloride, Sodium Chloride and Glucose by an infusion (drip) into a vein (intravenously).

### How much is given

- Your doctor will decide how much Potassium Chloride, Sodium Chloride and Glucose to give. The amount depends on your need and condition.

## If you are given too much Potassium Chloride, Sodium Chloride and Glucose

The doctor or nurse giving you Potassium Chloride, Sodium Chloride and Glucose is trained and qualified, 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 Potassium Chloride, Sodium Chloride and Glucose?

### Things you should do

Speak with your doctor if you have any concerns, especially during the first few days of therapy. Your healthcare team will closely monitor your progress.

Remind any doctor, nurse, dentist or pharmacist you visit that you are using Potassium Chloride, Sodium Chloride and Glucose.

### Things you should not do

- Do not stop using this medicine suddenly.

### Driving or using machines

**Be careful before you drive or use any machines or tools until you know how Potassium Chloride, Sodium Chloride and Glucose affects you.**

The effects of Potassium Chloride, Sodium Chloride and Glucose on driving and using machines or tools have not been studied.

### Drinking alcohol

**Tell your doctor if you drink alcohol.**

It is unknown how alcohol may affect Potassium Chloride, Sodium Chloride and Glucose.

### Looking after your medicine

Potassium Chloride, Sodium Chloride and Glucose will be stored in the pharmacy or the hospital ward, 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.

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 medicine. 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.

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
<p><b>At the infusion-site:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• pain, irritation, inflammation, swelling or redness at the site of administration, or the vein (into which the solution is infused)</li> </ul> <p><b>Others:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• fever and chills</li> <li>• swelling of hands, ankles or feet</li> <li>• passing large amounts of urine, excessive thirst and having a dry mouth and skin</li> </ul>	<p><b>Speak to your doctor if you have any of these less serious side effects and they worry you.</b></p>

### Serious side effects

Serious side effects	What to do
<p><b>Allergic reaction-related:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• rash, itching or hives on the skin</li> <li>• swelling of the face, lips, tongue or other parts of the body</li> <li>• shortness of breath, wheezing or trouble breathing</li> </ul> <p><b>High potassium related</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• chest pain</li> <li>• dizziness or light-headedness</li> <li>• changes in heart rate (fast, slow or irregular)</li> <li>• headache, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhoea</li> </ul>	<p><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></p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• drowsiness or confusion</li> <li>• seizures</li> <li>• tingling or numbness of the hands or feet</li> <li>• muscle weakness, muscle cramps</li> <li>• increased breathing rate</li> <li>• shortness of breath, wheezing or trouble breathing</li> <li>• sudden loss of consciousness, no pulse, no breathing</li> </ul>	
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**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. Some side effects can only be detected by your doctor by physical examination, laboratory tests or scans.

### 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 Potassium Chloride, Sodium Chloride and Glucose contains

<b>Active ingredients (main ingredients)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Potassium chloride</li> <li>• Sodium chloride</li> <li>• Glucose</li> </ul>
<b>Other ingredients (inactive ingredients)</b>	Water for Injections
<b>Potential allergens</b>	Glucose

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

### What Potassium Chloride, Sodium Chloride and Glucose looks like

Potassium Chloride, Sodium Chloride and Glucose Intravenous Infusion is a clear, colourless to faintly straw-coloured solution, practically free from visible particles in VIAFLEX (plastic) bags. It is available as:

- BAXTER 0.15% Potassium Chloride and 0.225% Sodium Chloride and 3.75% Glucose 500mL injection BP bag – Aust R 48567

- BAXTER 0.15% Potassium Chloride and 0.18% Sodium Chloride and 4% Glucose 1000mL injection BP bag – Aust R 48514
- BAXTER 0.224% Potassium Chloride and 0.18% Sodium Chloride and 4% Glucose 1000mL injection BP bag – Aust R 19471
- BAXTER 20 mmol Potassium Chloride, 5% Glucose and 0.45% Sodium Chloride injection for intravenous infusion 1000 mL bag – Aust R 228340
- BAXTER 20 mmol Potassium Chloride, 5% Glucose and 0.9% Sodium Chloride injection for intravenous infusion 1000 mL bag – Aust R 228339.

Not all products may be marketed.

### **Who distributes Potassium Chloride, Sodium Chloride and Glucose**

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