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# Hylenex

**Generic name:** [hyaluronidase](#) (injection) [ *HYE-al-ure-ON-i-dase* ]

**Brand names:** [Amphadase](#), Hylenex

**Drug class:** [Miscellaneous uncategorized agents](#)

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## What is Hylenex?

Hylenex is a genetically designed protein.

Hylenex is used together with fluids injected into the body to treat [dehydration](#). Hyaluronidase can also be used as an aid in helping your body absorb other injected medications.

Hylenex is also used to help contrast dyes in your body show more clearly on certain types of x-rays or scans.

## Warnings

Serious drug interactions can occur when certain medicines are used together with Hylenex. Tell your doctor about all your current medicines.

Before receiving Hylenex, tell your doctor if you are using any of the following drugs: furosemide (Lasix); phenytoin (Dilantin); a sedative or anxiety medication (such as Valium, Xanax, Tranxene); aspirin or salicylates; cortisone or ACTH (Corticotropin); estrogens; or an antihistamine (such as a cold or allergy medicine).

Your doctor may perform a skin test before using Hylenex to see if you are allergic to hyaluronidase.

## Before receiving this medicine

You should not be treated with Hylenex if you are allergic to hyaluronidase.

Your doctor may perform a skin test to see if you are allergic to hyaluronidase before you receive the medication.

Some medicines can cause unwanted or dangerous effects when used with Hylenex. Your doctor may need to change your treatment plan if you use any of the following drugs:

- furosemide (Lasix);
- phenytoin (Dilantin);

- a sedative or anxiety medication (such as diazepam, lorazepam, alprazolam, Valium, Xanax, Ativan, Tranxene, and others);
- aspirin or salicylates;
- cortisone or ACTH (Corticotropin);
- estrogens; or
- an antihistamine (such as a cold or allergy medicine).

Tell your doctor if you are pregnant or plan to become pregnant.

It may not be safe to breast-feed while using Hylanex. Ask your doctor about any risk.

**i** [Hylanex pregnancy and breastfeeding warnings](#) (more detail)

## How is Hylanex given?

Hylanex is injected under the skin, into a muscle, or into other tissues of the body.

A healthcare provider will give you this injection.

Hylanex should not be injected into a vein (as an intravenous injection).

**i** [Detailed Hylanex dosage information](#)

## What happens if I miss a dose?

Because you will receive Hylanex in a clinical setting, you are not likely to miss a dose.

## What happens if I overdose?

Seek emergency medical attention or call the Poison Help line at 1-800-222-1222.

## What should I avoid after receiving Hylanex?

Follow your doctor's instructions about any restrictions on food, beverages, or activity.

## Hylanex side effects

Get emergency medical help if you have **signs of an allergic reaction to Hylanex**: hives; difficulty breathing; swelling of your face, lips, tongue, or throat.

Call your doctor at once if you experience any of the following common Hylanex side effects:

- swelling in your hands, feet, or other body areas; or
- pain, swelling, itching, or redness where the injection was given.

This is not a complete list of side effects and others may occur. Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

 [Hylenex side effects](#) (more detail)

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## What other drugs will affect Hylenex?

Other drugs may interact with hyaluronidase, including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, and herbal products. Tell each of your health care providers about all medicines you use now and any medicine you start or stop using.

 [Hylenex drug interactions](#) (more detail)

## Does Hylenex interact with my other drugs?

Enter medications to view a detailed interaction report using our [Drug Interaction Checker](#).

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## Hylenex Biosimilars

Biosimilar and interchangeable products are biological products that are highly similar to and have no clinically meaningful differences from the reference product.

### Reference products

These are biological products that have already been approved by the FDA, against which biosimilar products are compared. There are 4 for Hylenex.

Amphadase (hyaluronidase) - Amphastar Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

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Formulation type	Strength
Single-Dose Vial	150 units/mL

View [Amphadase](#) information in detail.

Hydase (hyaluronidase) - Akorn, Inc.

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Hylenex recombinant (hyaluronidase human) - Halozyme Therapeutics, Inc.

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Vitrase (hyaluronidase) - Bausch & Lomb Incorporated

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## Professional resources

### Other brands

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## Further information

Remember, keep this and all other medicines out of the reach of children, never share your medicines with others, and use Hylenex only for the indication prescribed.

Always consult your healthcare provider to ensure the information displayed on this page applies to your personal circumstances.

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 Risk data available

#### CSA Schedule\*

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