

[Home](#)

2. Privine

# Privine

**Generic name:** [naphazoline nasal](#) [ *naf-AZ-oh-leen-NAY-sal* ]**Drug class:** [Nasal antihistamines and decongestants](#)[Medically reviewed](#) by Drugs.com on Aug 16, 2023. Written by [Cerner Multum](#).[Uses](#) [Side effects](#) [Warnings](#) [Before taking](#) [What to avoid](#) [Interactions](#)

## What is Privine?

Privine is a decongestant that shrinks blood vessels in the nasal passages. Dilated blood vessels can cause [nasal congestion](#) (stuffy nose).

Privine (for the nose) is for temporary relief of stuffy nose caused by hay [fever](#), allergies, or the [common cold](#).

Privine may also be used for purposes not listed in this medication guide.

## Privine side effects

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

**Privine may cause serious side effects. Stop using Privine and call your doctor at once if you have:**

- ongoing or worsening nasal stuffiness;
- chest pain, fast or uneven heart rate; or
- severe [headache](#), buzzing in your ears, [anxiety](#), confusion, or feeling short of breath.

**Common side effects of Privine may include:**

- sneezing; or
- mild burning or stinging in your nose.

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.

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

## Related/similar drugs

## Sudafed Congestion

Sudafed is a decongestant and is used to treat nasal and sinus congestion. Learn about side ...

### Reviews & ratings

6.9 / 10

[16 Reviews](#)

[View more](#)

#### FEATURED

## Omvox

Omvox is used to treat moderate to severe ulcerative colitis or Crohn's disease in adults. This ...

### Reviews & ratings

[1 Reviews](#)

[View more](#)

## Pseudoephedrine

Pseudoephedrine is used to treat nasal and sinus congestion, or congestion of the tubes that drain ...

### Reviews & ratings

6.6 / 10

[94 Reviews](#)

[View more](#)

## Warnings

Follow all directions on your medicine label and package. Tell each of your healthcare providers about all your medical conditions, allergies, and all medicines you use.

## Before taking this medicine

You should not use Privine if you are allergic to it.

Ask a doctor or pharmacist if it is safe for you to take Privine if you have other medical conditions, especially:

- [heart disease](#), [high blood pressure](#);
- [diabetes](#);

- a thyroid disorder; or
- urination problems caused by an [enlarged prostate](#).

It is not known whether Privine will harm an unborn baby. **Do not use this medicine without a doctor's advice if you are pregnant.**

It is not known whether [naphazoline](#) nasal passes into breast milk or if it could harm a nursing baby. **Do not use this medicine without a doctor's advice if you are breast-feeding a baby.**

Do not give this medicine to a child younger than 12 years old without medical advice.

## How should I use Privine?

Use exactly as directed on the label, or as prescribed by your doctor. Do not use in larger or smaller amounts or for longer than recommended.

Using this medicine too long or too often may worsen your symptoms and cause damage to the blood vessels in your nose.

To use the **nasal spray**:

- Blow your nose gently. Keep your head upright and insert the tip of the bottle into one nostril. Press your other nostril closed with your finger. Breathe in quickly and gently spray the medicine into your nose. Then use the spray in your other nostril.
- Do not blow your nose for at least a few minutes after using the nasal spray.
- Do not use more than 1 or 2 sprays per nostril every 6 hours.
- If the spray gets in your eyes or mouth or on your skin, rinse with water.

Stop using this medicine and call your doctor if your symptoms do not improve after 3 days of treatment.

**Do not share a nasal spray with another person**, or you could spread [infection](#).

Store at room temperature away from moisture and heat. Keep the bottle tightly closed when not in use.

## What happens if I miss a dose?

Use the missed dose as soon as you remember. Skip the missed dose if it is almost time for your next scheduled dose.

**Do not** use extra medicine to make up the missed dose.

## What happens if I overdose?

An overdose of Privine is not expected to be dangerous. Seek emergency medical attention or call the Poison Help line at 1-800-222-1222 if anyone has accidentally swallowed the medication.

Keep Privine out of the reach of children. **Certain nasal sprays can cause serious medical problems in a young child who accidentally sucks on or swallows medicine from the bottle.**

## What should I avoid while using naphazoline nasal?

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

## What other drugs will affect Privine?

Ask a doctor or pharmacist before using Privine if you are also using any other drugs, including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, [vitamins](#), and [herbal products](#). **Some medicines can cause unwanted or dangerous effects when used together.** Not all possible interactions are listed in this medication guide.

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

## Does Privine interact with my other drugs?

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

Privine

+

Enter a drug name

Add

## More about Privine (naphazoline nasal)

- [Check interactions](#)
- [Compare alternatives](#)
- [Reviews \(12\)](#)
- [Side effects](#)
- [Drug class: nasal antihistamines and decongestants](#)
- [En español](#)

## Related treatment guides

- [Nasal Congestion](#)


## Further information

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

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

[Medical Disclaimer](#)

DRUG STATUS

<b>Availability</b>	
 Rx and/or OTC	
<b>CSA Schedule*</b>	
N/A	Not a controlled drug



User Reviews & Ratings

9.8 / 10

[12 Reviews](#)

Drugs.com Mobile App

Access drug & treatment information, identify pills, check interactions and set up personal medication records.



About

- [About Drugs.com](#)
- [Advertising policy](#)
- [Attribution & citations](#)

Terms & privacy

- [Terms of use](#)
- [Editorial policy](#)
- [Privacy policy](#)

Support

- [Help center](#)
- [Sitemap](#)
- [Contact us](#)



[Subscribe to our newsletter](#) for the latest medication news, new drug approvals and FDA alerts.

**Drugs.com** provides accurate and independent information on more than 24,000 prescription drugs, over-the-counter medicines and natural products. This material is provided for educational purposes only and is not intended for medical advice, diagnosis or treatment. Data sources include Micromedex (updated 7 Apr 2025), Cerner Multum™ (updated 13 Apr 2025), ASHP (updated 10 Apr 2025) and others.

