

PHENYLEPHRINE BAXTER

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. What PHENYLEPHRINE BAXTER is used for?

PHENYLEPHRINE BAXTER contains the active ingredient phenylephrine hydrochloride. PHENYLEPHRINE BAXTER is used to;

- Help increase your blood pressure
- Slow down your heart

For more information, see Section [1. What PHENYLEPHRINE BAXTER is used for?](#) in the full CMI.

2. What should I know before I am given PHENYLEPHRINE BAXTER?

Do not use if you have ever had an allergic reaction to PHENYLEPHRINE BAXTER 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. Your doctor will discuss the risks and benefits of being given PHENYLEPHRINE BAXTER during pregnancy and in case of breastfeeding.

For more information, see Section [2. What should I know before I am given PHENYLEPHRINE BAXTER?](#) in the full CMI.

3. What if I am taking other medicines?

Some medicines may interfere with PHENYLEPHRINE BAXTER 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 am I given PHENYLEPHRINE BAXTER?

- PHENYLEPHRINE BAXTER can be given to you in three ways: a) as a slow injection or infusion (drip) into a vein, b) as a deep injection into a muscle; c) as an injection just under the skin. Sometimes it is diluted before use and given with fluids into a vein.
- Your doctor will determine how you will be given this medicine. PHENYLEPHRINE BAXTER must only be given by a doctor or nurse.

More instructions can be found in Section [4. How am I given PHENYLEPHRINE BAXTER?](#) in the full CMI.

5. What should I know whilst being given PHENYLEPHRINE BAXTER?

Things you should do	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Remind any doctor, dentist or pharmacist, when you visit that you are using PHENYLEPHRINE BAXTER.• Tell your doctor if you are pregnant or intend to become pregnant.• Tell your doctor if you experience any problems with this medicine.
Things you should not do	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• You should not be given PHENYLEPHRINE BAXTER if you are allergic to phenylephrine, sodium metabisulfite or any of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet.• You must not be given PHENYLEPHRINE BAXTER if you have very high blood pressure or a very fast heart beat (palpitations). If you are not sure whether you should start taking this medicine, talk to your doctor.
Driving or using machines	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No specific studies have been conducted to assess the direct effect of phenylephrine hydrochloride on the ability to drive and use machines. However, adverse effects of phenylephrine hydrochloride include dizziness and drowsiness which could affect the ability to drive or use machines.
Looking after your medicine	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PHENYLEPHRINE BAXTER should only be given to you in hospital. It will be stored in a cool dry place away from the light, where the temperature stays below 25°C.• The vials should not be taken out of the box until just before they are to be used. This is because the medicine is affected by light.

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

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.

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.

PHENYLEPHRINE BAXTER

Active ingredient(s): *phenylephrine hydrochloride*

Consumer Medicine Information (CMI)

This leaflet provides important information about using PHENYLEPHRINE BAXTER. It **does not contain all of the available information**. 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 PHENYLEPHRINE BAXTER.

Where to find information in this leaflet:

- [1. What PHENYLEPHRINE BAXTER is used for?](#)
- [2. What should I know before I am given PHENYLEPHRINE BAXTER?](#)
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1. What PHENYLEPHRINE BAXTER is used for?

PHENYLEPHRINE BAXTER contains the active ingredient **phenylephrine hydrochloride**. PHENYLEPHRINE BAXTER is used to help increase your blood pressure and slow down your heart, for example, during surgery or in state of shock. It does this by causing constriction (narrowing) of your blood vessels.

It belongs to a group of medicines called vasoconstrictors.

Ask your doctor if you have any questions about why PHENYLEPHRINE BAXTER has been prescribed for you. Your doctor may have prescribed it for another reason.

This medicine is not addictive.

This medicine is available only with a doctor's prescription.

2. What should I know before I am given PHENYLEPHRINE BAXTER?

When you must not be given it

You must not be given PHENYLEPHRINE BAXTER if you are allergic to:

- phenylephrine
- sodium metabisulfite
- any of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet

Symptoms of an allergic reaction may include:

- shortness of breath, wheezing or difficulty breathing
- swelling of the face, lips, tongue or other parts of the body
- rash, itching or hives on the skin.

You must not be given PHENYLEPHRINE BAXTER if you have:

- very high blood pressure
- a very fast heartbeat (palpitations)

If you are not sure whether you should start taking this medicine, talk to your doctor.

Before you are given it

Tell your doctor if you have, or have had, any medical conditions, especially the following:

- thyroid disease
- slow heart rate
- other heart disease
- severe arteriosclerosis (a disease of the arteries)

Fertility, pregnancy and breastfeeding

Tell your doctor if you are pregnant or intend to become pregnant. Your doctor will discuss the risks and benefits of being given PHENYLEPHRINE BAXTER during pregnancy.

Tell your doctor if you are breast-feeding or intend to breast-feed. Your doctor will discuss the risks and benefits of being given PHENYLEPHRINE BAXTER when breast-feeding.

If you have not told your doctor or nurse about any of the above, tell them before you are given PHENYLEPHRINE BAXTER.

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 PHENYLEPHRINE BAXTER may interfere with each other. These include:

- certain medicines to treat depression (such as monoamine oxidase inhibitors and tricyclic antidepressants).
- halothane anaesthetics (a type of medicine used as an anaesthetic)
- certain medicines used to stimulate labour in pregnant women.

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

Your doctor or pharmacist has more information on medicines to be careful with or avoid, while using PHENYLEPHRINE BAXTER.

4. How am I given PHENYLEPHRINE BAXTER?

How PHENYLEPHRINE BAXTER is given

PHENYLEPHRINE BAXTER can be given to you in three ways:

- as a slow injection or infusion (drip) into a vein
- as a deep injection into a muscle or
- as an injection just under the skin.

Sometimes it is diluted before use and given with fluid into a vein. Your doctor will determine how you will be given this medicine. It may depend on why you need to use this drug.

PHENYLEPHRINE BAXTER must only be given by a doctor or nurse.

How much PHENYLEPHRINE BAXTER is given

Your doctor will decide what dose and how long you will receive PHENYLEPHRINE BAXTER. The dose will be different, depending on how your doctor gives you PHENYLEPHRINE BAXTER and why you are being given it.

If you take too much PHENYLEPHRINE BAXTER (overdose)

As this medicine is given to you under the supervision of your doctor, it is very unlikely that you will receive too much. However, if you experience any side effects after being given it, tell your doctor immediately.

If you think that you have been given too much PHENYLEPHRINE BAXTER, 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.

Symptoms of overdose include sensation of fullness in the head, tingling in the hands or feet and irregular or fast heart beat.

5. What should I know whilst being given PHENYLEPHRINE BAXTER?

Things you should do

Your doctor will monitor your blood pressure closely while you are being given PHENYLEPHRINE BAXTER.

If you are about to be started on any new medicine, remind your doctor and pharmacist that you are being given PHENYLEPHRINE BAXTER.

Tell any other doctors, dentists and pharmacists who treat you that you are being given this medicine.

Driving or using machines

Be careful driving or operating machinery until you know how PHENYLEPHRINE BAXTER affects you. Make sure you know how you react to PHENYLEPHRINE BAXTER before you drive, operate machinery or do anything else that could be dangerous.

Looking after your medicine

- PHENYLEPHRINE BAXTER should only be given to you in hospital. It will be stored in a cool dry place away from the light, where the temperature stays below 25°C.
- The vials should not be taken out of the box until just before they are to be used. This is because the medicine is affected by light.
- Follow the instructions in the carton on how to take care of your medicine properly.

When to discard your medicine

Do not use this medicine if the expiry date printed on the pack has passed.

Getting rid of any unwanted medicine

If you no longer need to use this medicine or it is out of date, take it to any pharmacy for safe disposal.

Reconstituted and further diluted solutions that show discoloration, haziness, visible particulate matter or precipitation should not be used.

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
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Headache• Restlessness• Excitability	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
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fast or irregular heartbeats (also called palpitations)• Very slow pulse• Sensation of fullness in the head• Tingling in the hands or feet	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 PHENYLEPHRINE BAXTER contains

Active ingredient (main ingredient)	Phenylephrine Hydrochloride
Other ingredients (inactive ingredients)	sodium metabisulfite, sodium chloride, sodium citrate dihydrate, citric acid monohydrate, hydrochloric acid, sodium Hydroxide, water for injections.

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

What PHENYLEPHRINE BAXTER looks like

PHENYLEPHRINE BAXTER is a clear, colourless, aqueous solution, free from visible particulate, in sterile form for parenteral injection.

PHENYLEPHRINE BAXTER is presented in USP type I clear tubular glass vials with 13mm dark grey serum rubber stopper and 13 mm flip-off dark green seals. 25 vials of 1 mL fill single dose vials are packed into a printed carton. A printed package insert is enclosed in the printed cartons.

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Who distributes PHENYLEPHRINE BAXTER

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