

# CYCLIZINE MEDSURGE

## 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 given CYCLIZINE MEDSURGE?

CYCLIZINE MEDSURGE contains the active ingredient cyclizine lactate. CYCLIZINE MEDSURGE is used to prevent nausea and vomiting in the post-operative period.

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

### 2. What should I know before I am given CYCLIZINE MEDSURGE?

Do not use if you have ever had an allergic reaction to any of the ingredients listed at the end of the CMI.

**This medicine is available only with a doctor's prescription. CYCLIZINE MEDSURGE is not recommended for use in children.**

**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 CYCLIZINE MEDSURGE?](#) in the full CMI.

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

Some medicines may interfere with CYCLIZINE MEDSURGE 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 CYCLIZINE MEDSURGE given?

- Follow all directions given to you by your doctor or nurse carefully. They may differ from the information contained in this leaflet. CYCLIZINE MEDSURGE injection is given by slow intravenous injection.
- More instructions can be found in Section [4. How is CYCLIZINE MEDSURGE given?](#) in the full CMI.

### 5. What should I know while I am given CYCLIZINE MEDSURGE?

<b>Things you should do</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Remind any doctor, dentist, nurse or pharmacist if you visit that you are receiving CYCLIZINE MEDSURGE.</li><li>• Be careful taking sleeping pills or anti-anxiety medication after being treated with CYCLIZINE MEDSURGE. CYCLIZINE MEDSURGE can increase the effects of these medicines.</li><li>• Get up slowly if you feel light-headed, dizzy or faint when getting out of bed or standing up</li></ul>
<b>Driving or using machines</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CYCLIZINE MEDSURGE may cause drowsiness and impair motor skills. If affected do not drive, operate machinery or anything else that could be dangerous.</li></ul>
<b>Drinking alcohol</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CYCLIZINE MEDSURGE can increase the toxicity of alcohol. Drinking large amounts of alcohol after CYCLIZINE MEDSURGE can be dangerous</li></ul>
<b>Looking after your medicine</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The ampoules should be stored where the temperature stays below 25°C.</li></ul>

For more information, see Section [5. What should I know while i am given CYCLIZINE MEDSURGE?](#) in the full CMI.

### 6. Are there any side effects?

Tell your doctor, nurse or pharmacist as soon as possible if you do not feel well while you are being given CYCLIZINE MEDSURGE. Side effects of CYCLIZINE MEDSURGE include headache, restlessness or agitation, itching or skin rash, drowsiness, dizziness and weakness.

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.

# CYCLIZINE MEDSURGE

*cyclizine lactate*

## Consumer Medicine Information (CMI)

This leaflet provides important information about using CYCLIZINE MEDSURGE. **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 [medicine name].**

**Where to find information in this leaflet:**

- [1. Why am I given CYCLIZINE MEDSURGE?](#)
- [2. What should I know before I am given CYCLIZINE MEDSURGE?](#)
- [3. What if I am taking other medicines?](#)
- [4. How is CYCLIZINE MEDSURGE given?](#)
- [5. What should I know while I am given CYCLIZINE MEDSURGE?](#)
- [6. Are there any side effects?](#)
- [7. Product details](#)

## 1. Why am I given CYCLIZINE MEDSURGE?

**CYCLIZINE MEDSURGE contains the active ingredient cyclizine lactate.** CYCLIZINE MEDSURGE belongs to a group of medicines called anti-emetics.

**CYCLIZINE MEDSURGE is used to prevent nausea and vomiting in the post-operative period.**

The exact mechanism by which it works is not known. **Ask your doctor if you have any questions about why this medicine has been chosen for you.** Your doctor may have prescribed it for another reason.

CYCLIZINE MEDSURGE is not recommended for use in children. Children may be more sensitive than adults to some of the side effects

## 2. What should I know before I am given CYCLIZINE MEDSURGE?

### Warnings

**Do not use CYCLIZINE MEDSURGE if:**

- you are allergic to cyclizine lactate, or any of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet.
- always check the ingredients to make sure you can use this medicine.
- after a heart attack
- you have severe heart failure (disease of the heart with shortness of breath, and swelling of the feet or legs due to fluid build-up)
- you are drunk
- you have an allergy to any medicine containing cyclizine or to any of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet.

Some of the 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.

### Check with your doctor if you:

- have allergies to any other medicines, foods, preservatives or dyes.
- have or have had any of the following medical conditions:
  - difficulty passing urine or symptoms due to an enlarged prostate
  - liver disease
  - high blood pressure
  - epilepsy
  - asthma or a lung disease known as chronic obstructive pulmonary disorder (COPD)
  - high pressure in the eye (glaucoma)
  - stomach or bowel obstruction
  - rare tumour of the adrenal gland (phaeochromocytoma)
  - rare blood pigment disorder (porphyria)
  - any disease affecting nerves or muscles.

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 can discuss with you the risks and benefits involved.

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

Tell your doctor, nurse 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 CYCLIZINE MEDSURGE and affect how it works.**

- some medicines used to treat depression such as tricyclics and monoamine oxidase inhibitors (MAOIs)

- central depressants, sometimes referred to as sedatives and tranquillisers (medicines to help you sleep, reduce anxiety, induce anaesthesia or treat psychosis)
  - anticholinergic medicines, which also act in the nervous system and are used to treat a range of medical conditions, e.g. atropine
  - opioid medicines used to treat severe pain, such as pethidine, pentazocine, morphine
  - some antibiotics, known as aminoglycosides.
- These medicines may be affected by CYCLIZINE MEDSURGE or may affect how well it works. You may need different amounts of your medicines.

**Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure about what medicines, vitamins or supplements you are taking and if these affect CYCLIZINE MEDSURGE.**

#### 4. How is CYCLIZINE MEDSURGE given?

**Follow all directions given to you by your doctor or nurse carefully.**

They may differ from the information contained in this leaflet.

##### How much is given

- The usual dose is 50 mg given 3 times a day.

##### When to give CYCLIZINE MEDSURGE

- The first dose of CYCLIZINE MEDSURGE will be given to you during surgery. You may then receive it up to 3 times a day for the first 2 days after your surgery.

##### How to give CYCLIZINE MEDSURGE

- CYCLIZINE MEDSURGE injection is given by slow intravenous injection.

##### If you are given too much CYCLIZINE MEDSURGE

As CYCLIZINE MEDSURGE is given to you in hospital under the supervision of your doctor, it is unlikely that you will receive an overdose.

If you think that you are given too much CYCLIZINE MEDSURGE, you may need urgent medical attention.

##### You should immediately:

- phone the National Poisons Centre **by calling 0800 (POISON) (0800 764 766)**, 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 I am given CYCLIZINE MEDSURGE?

##### Things you should do

Be careful taking sleeping pills or anti-anxiety medication after being treated with CYCLIZINE MEDSURGE. CYCLIZINE MEDSURGE can increase the effects of these medicines.

Feel light-headed, dizzy or faint when getting out of bed or standing up, get up slowly. Standing up slowly, especially when you get up from bed or chairs, will help your body get used to the change in position and blood pressure. If this problem continues or gets worse, talk to your doctor.

##### Driving or using machines

**Be careful before you drive or use any machines or tools until you know how CYCLIZINE MEDSURGE affects you.**

CYCLIZINE MEDSURGE may cause drowsiness and impair motor skills in some people. If you have any of these symptoms, do not drive, operate machinery or do anything else that could be dangerous.

##### Drinking alcohol

**Be careful drinking alcohol after you have been given this medicine. Tell your doctor if you drink alcohol.**

CYCLIZINE MEDSURGE can increase the toxicity of alcohol. Drinking large amounts of alcohol after CYCLIZINE MEDSURGE can be dangerous.

##### Looking after your medicine

The pharmacy is responsible for the appropriate storage of CYCLIZINE MEDSURGE injection.

The ampoules should be stored where the temperature stays below 25°C and protected from light.

Keep it where young children cannot reach it.

#### 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.

**Tell your doctor, nurse or pharmacist as soon as possible if you do not feel well while you are being given CYCLIZINE MEDSURGE.**

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
<b>Gastrointestinal and urinary related:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• constipation or diarrhoea</li> <li>• nausea or vomiting</li> <li>• stomach pain</li> </ul>	<b>Speak to your doctor if you have any of these less serious side</b>

<p><b>Neurological and behavior related:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• drowsiness</li> <li>• dizziness</li> <li>• headache</li> <li>• confusion</li> <li>• difficulty speaking</li> <li>• blurred vision</li> <li>• pins and needles in hands or feet</li> <li>• ringing in the ears</li> <li>• involuntary rolling of the eyes.</li> <li>• Restlessness or agitation</li> </ul> <p><b>Heart related:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• palpitations or racing heart beat</li> </ul> <p><b>Breathing and Allergy related</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• difficulty sleeping (insomnia)</li> <li>• dry mouth, nose or throat</li> <li>• itching or skin rash</li> <li>• injection site redness or pain</li> </ul> <p><b>Other</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• muscle twitching</li> <li>• loss of appetite</li> <li>• sensitivity to sunlight</li> <li>• clumsiness</li> <li>• fever</li> <li>• weakness</li> </ul>	<p><b>effects and they worry you.</b></p>
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**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 CYCLIZINE MEDSURGE contains

<b>Active ingredient (main ingredient)</b>	• cyclizine lactate
<b>Other ingredients (inactive ingredients)</b>	• lactic acid • water for injections

### What CYCLIZINE MEDSURGE looks like

CYCLIZINE MEDSURGE is a clear, colourless to slightly yellow solution for injection in a 1 mL clear glass ampoule. It is available in packs of 5 ampoules.

### Who distributes CYCLIZINE MEDSURGE

Marketed and distributed by Medsurge Healthcare  
Tel: 0800 788 261  
<https://www.medsurgehc.com>

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### Serious side effects

Serious side effects	What to do
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• serious allergic reaction (swelling of the face, lips, mouth or throat which may cause difficulty in swallowing or breathing).</li> <li>• hallucinations, fits or loss of consciousness</li> <li>• yellowing of skin or eyes (jaundice)</li> <li>• difficulty breathing</li> <li>• wheezing or coughing</li> <li>• difficulty passing urine</li> <li>• inability to move muscles (paralysis).</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>

**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

Reporting suspected adverse reactions after authorisation of the medicine is important. It allows continued monitoring of the benefit/risk balance of the medicine. Healthcare professionals are asked to report any suspected adverse reactions

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