

# EPHEDRINE HYDROCHLORIDE JUNO

*Ephedrine Hydrochloride solution for injection, 30 mg/10 mL*

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## Consumer Medicine Information

Consumer Name  
Consumer Address

Date of Dispensing  
Pharmacist Name  
Pharmacist Address

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## What is in this leaflet

This leaflet answers some common questions about

Ephedrine Hydrochloride Juno. It does not contain all the available information.

It does not take the place of talking to your doctor.

All medicines have risks and benefits. Your doctor has weighed the risks of you taking Ephedrine Hydrochloride Juno against the benefits they expect it will have for you.

**If you have any concerns about taking this medicine, ask your doctor.**

**Keep this leaflet with the medicine.**

You may need to read it again.

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## What Ephedrine Hydrochloride Juno Injection is used for

Ephedrine Hydrochloride Juno is used to treat the low blood pressure which may occur during spinal anaesthesia. It works by contracting the blood vessels in your limbs, so that more blood is available for your heart.

Your doctor may have prescribed this medicine for another reason. Ask your doctor if you have any questions about why it has been prescribed for you. Ephedrine Hydrochloride Juno is available only with a doctor's prescription.

Ephedrine Hydrochloride Juno is not approved for use in children.

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## Before you are given Ephedrine Hydrochloride Juno Injection

### **When you must not be given it**

**You should not be given Ephedrine Hydrochloride Juno if:**

- **you have an allergy to ephedrine or any of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet**

Symptoms of an allergic reaction to ephedrine may include:

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

- **you have, or have had any of the following medical conditions:**
  - heart problems
  - pheochromocytoma (a rare tumour of the adrenal gland near the kidney)
  - closed angle glaucoma (a condition in which there is a build up of pressure in the eye)
  - mood/thought disorders and were given monoamine oxidase (MAO) inhibitors in last

two weeks or about to commence on this group of medicines

- **using an antibiotic medicine called linezolid**
- **undergoing general anaesthesia**
- **the packaging is torn or shows signs of tampering**
- **the expiry date on the pack has passed**  
if you are given this medicine after the expiry date has passed, it may not work as well or it may make you feel sick.

### **Before you are given it**

**Tell your doctor any of the following before you are given Ephedrine Hydrochloride Juno:**

- 1. if you have or have ever had any other health problems or medical conditions, including:**
  - high or low blood pressure
  - prostate problems or difficulty in passing urine
  - mental health disorders
  - thyroid problems
  - diabetes.
- 2. if you are pregnant or intend to become pregnant**  
  
Your doctor will discuss the risks and benefits of using Ephedrine Hydrochloride Juno.
- 3. if you are breast-feeding or plan to breast-feed**

Ephedrine Hydrochloride Juno is not recommended for use if you are breastfeeding.

#### 4. if you are an athlete or competing in sports

Ephedrine Hydrochloride Juno contains an active substance that may cause a positive reaction in anti-doping tests.

**If you have not told your doctor about any of the above, tell them before you are given Ephedrine Hydrochloride Juno.**

#### ***Taking other medicines***

**Tell your doctor if you are taking any other medicines, including medicines that you buy without a prescription from a pharmacy, supermarket or health food shop.**

Some medicines may interfere with Ephedrine Hydrochloride Juno.

These include:

- Medicines used to treat heart failure (e.g. digoxin)
- Alpha blockers (e.g. prazosin and methyldopa) or beta blockers (e.g. propranolol) used to treat high blood pressure
- Medicines used to treat mental health disorders such as amitriptyline, moclobemide, phenelzine, venlafaxine and dothiepin
- Medicines used in the treatment of migraine such as ergotamine and any derivatives
- Theophylline (a medicine used to treat asthma)
- Acetazolamide, dichlorphenamide, sodium bicarbonate, sodium citrate (medicines that make urine less acidic)
- Linezolid (an antibiotic)
- Medicines used to treat epilepsy such as phenytoin
- Medicines used to treat ADHD such as methylphenidate
- Medicines found commonly in over the counter cold and flu preparations such as pseudoephedrine and phenylephrine.

These medicines may be affected by Ephedrine Hydrochloride

Juno, or may affect how well it works. You may need different amounts of your medicine, or you may need to take different medicines.

Your doctor has more information on medicines to be careful with or avoid while being given Ephedrine Hydrochloride Juno.

If you are not sure whether you should be given Ephedrine Hydrochloride Juno, talk to your doctor.

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### **How Ephedrine Hydrochloride Juno Injection is given**

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#### ***How much is given***

Ephedrine Hydrochloride Juno is administered as a slow injection into a vein

Ephedrine Hydrochloride Juno must only be given by a doctor or nurse.

Your doctor will decide what dose of Ephedrine Hydrochloride Juno you will receive This depends on your medical condition and other factors, such as your weight. Sometimes only a single dose of is required.

#### ***If you take too much (overdose)***

As Ephedrine Hydrochloride Juno is given to you under the supervision of a doctor, it is unlikely that you will receive an overdose. However, if you experience severe side effects tell your doctor immediately

**Immediately telephone your doctor or the National Poisons Centre (telephone 0800 POISON or 0800 764 766), for advice, or go to Accident and Emergency at the nearest hospital, if you think that you or anyone else may have taken too much Ephedrine Hydrochloride Juno.**

**Do this even if there are no signs of discomfort or poisoning.**

You may need urgent medical attention.

Symptoms of an overdose include the side effects listed in the "Side Effects" section (see below) but are usually of a more severe nature.

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### **Side effects**

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**Tell your doctor as soon as possible if you do not feel well while you are having Ephedrine Hydrochloride Juno.**

Ephedrine Hydrochloride Juno may have unwanted side-effects in a few people. All medicines can have side effects. Sometimes they are serious, most of the time they are not. You may need medical treatment if you get some of the side-effects.

**Ask your doctor to answer any questions you may have.**

#### ***while being given it***

**Tell your doctor or nurse immediately if you notice any of the following:**

- headache
- dry nose, mouth or throat
- fever or sweating
- nausea, vomiting or stomach pain
- mood or mental changes, such as nervousness, anxiety or irritability
- difficult or painful urination
- chest pain
- breathing difficulties
- irregular, fast or slow heartbeat

Some people may get other side effects while being given Ephedrine Hydrochloride Juno.

Do not be alarmed by this list of

possible side effects. You may not experience any of them.

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## **After having Ephedrine Hydrochloride Juno Injection**

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### **Storage**

Ephedrine Hydrochloride Juno will be stored in the pharmacy or on the ward.

Ephedrine Hydrochloride Juno pre-filled syringe injection is kept in a cool dry place where the temperature stays below 30°C.

Ephedrine Hydrochloride Juno ampoule injection is kept in a cool dry place where the temperature stays below 25°C.

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## **Product description**

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### **What it looks like**

Ephedrine Hydrochloride Juno is a clear and colourless solution.

Ephedrine Hydrochloride Juno is available in the following strength and pack size:  
30 mg/10 mL strength in a pre-filled syringe or ampoule in pack sizes of 10.

### **Ingredients**

The active ingredient in Ephedrine Hydrochloride Juno is ephedrine hydrochloride.

Each ampoule contains 3 mg/mL of ephedrine hydrochloride.

### **Excipients**

Ephedrine Hydrochloride Juno also contains the following excipients:

Sodium chloride  
Citric acid monohydrate  
Sodium citrate  
Sodium hydroxide  
Hydrochloric acid  
Water for injections.

Ephedrine Hydrochloride Juno does not contain gluten, lactose, sucrose, tartrazine or any other azo dyes.

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