

XYLOCARD 500 injection

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 using XYLOCARD 500?

XYLOCARD 500 contains the active ingredient lidocaine hydrochloride. XYLOCARD 500 is used to change an abnormal beat in the heart back to normal. It works by slowing nerve impulses and reducing the excitability of the heart.

For more information, see Section [1. Why am I using XYLOCARD 500?](#) in the full CMI.

2. What should I know before I use XYLOCARD 500?

Do not use if you have ever had an allergic reaction to lignocaine hydrochloride, other antiarrhythmic medicines, local anaesthetics, other substances 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 are breastfeeding.

For more information, see Section [2. What should I know before I use XYLOCARD 500?](#) in the full CMI.

3. What if I am taking other medicines?

Some medicines may interfere with XYLOCARD 500 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 XYLOCARD 500 is given?

- The dosage you will be given will depend on your body size, age and medical condition.
- XYLOCARD 500 will be diluted, mixed and injected by your doctor directly into the bloodstream or will be added to fluids given into the vein.

More instructions can be found in Section [4. How XYLOCARD 500 is given?](#) in the full CMI.

5. What should I know while receiving XYLOCARD 500?

Things you should do	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Remind any doctor if you have any questions about why this medicine has been given to you.
Drinking alcohol	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Do not drink alcohol while you are being given XYLOCARD 500. If you drink alcohol while you are being given XYLOCARD 500 your blood pressure may drop making you feel dizzy and faint.
Looking after your medicine	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• XYLOCARD 500 will be stored by your doctor or pharmacist under the recommended conditions. It should be kept in a cool dry place where the temperature stays below 25° C.

For more information, see Section [5. What should I know while receiving XYLOCARD 500?](#) in the full CMI.

6. Are there any side effects?

Tell your doctor or nurse as soon as possible if you do not feel well while you are being given XYLOCARD 500.

Some of the mild side effects are drowsiness, light headedness, nervousness, dizziness, feeling strange (disoriented), blurred vision, ringing in the ears, vomiting, twitching, tremors, feeling hot, cold or numb, difficulty swallowing, slurred speech.

Some of the serious side effects include fits, unconsciousness, breathing problems, low blood pressure, slow heartbeat, collapse and a problem with your blood called methaemoglobinaemia.

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.

XYLOCARD 500 injection

Active ingredient: *lidocaine hydrochloride*

Consumer Medicine Information (CMI)

This leaflet provides important information about using XYLOCARD 500.

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 XYLOCARD 500.

Where to find information in this leaflet:

- [1. Why am I using XYLOCARD 500?](#)
- [2. What should I know before I use XYLOCARD 500?](#)
- [3. What if I am taking other medicines?](#)
- [4. How XYLOCARD 500 is given?](#)
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- [6. Are there any side effects?](#)
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1. Why am I using XYLOCARD 500?

XYLOCARD 500 contains the active ingredient lidocaine hydrochloride.

XYLOCARD 500 belongs to a group of medicines known as antiarrhythmics. It is used to change an abnormal beat in the heart back to normal. It works by slowing nerve impulses and reducing the excitability of the heart.

Ask your doctor if you want more information.

Your doctor may have prescribed this medicine for another use.

XYLOCARD 500 is not addictive.

2. What should I know before I use XYLOCARD 500?

Warnings

You must not be given XYLOCARD 500 if:

- you are allergic to:
 - lidocaine hydrochloride
 - other antiarrhythmic medicines
 - local anaesthetics e.g. bupivacaine
 - other substances
 - any of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet.

If you have an allergic reaction, you may get a skin rash, hay fever, difficulty breathing or feel faint.

- the solution is not clear.
- expiry date printed on the pack has passed.

- the packaging is torn or shows signs of tampering.

Check with your doctor if you:

- have or have had any of the following medical conditions:
 - a pacemaker
 - any other heart problems
 - liver problems
 - kidney problems
 - malignant hyperthermia

It may not be safe for you to take XYLOCARD 500 if you have any of these conditions.

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

Ask your doctor about the risks and benefits of using this medicine while you are pregnant or breastfeeding.

XYLOCARD 500 has been widely used during pregnancy and there have been no reports of any ill effects on the baby.

Your baby can take in very small amounts of XYLOCARD 500 from breast milk if you are breastfeeding, but it is unlikely that the amount available to the baby will do any harm.

3. What if I am taking other medicines?

Tell your doctor 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 XYLOCARD 500 injection may interfere with each other. These include:

- medicines that control your heart beat
- medicines for blood pressure (anti-hypertensives)
- medicines used to control epilepsy or fits
- cimetidine
- alcohol.

You may need different amounts of your medicines or you may need to take different medicines.

Check with your doctor if you are not sure about what medicines, vitamins or supplements you are taking and if these affect XYLOCARD 500.

4. How XYLOCARD 500 is given?

How much is given

The dosage you will be given will depend on your body size, age and medical condition. Your doctor will have had a lot of experience injecting XYLOCARD 500 or other antiarrhythmics and will choose the best dose for you.

How XYLOCARD 500 is administered

XYLOCARD 500 is a sterile, intravenous, concentrate for infusion. It will be diluted, mixed and injected by your doctor directly into the bloodstream or will be added to fluids given into the vein.

This allows XYLOCARD 500 to reach the heart quickly, where it will reduce the excitability of the heart and help return the heartbeat to normal.

If you use too much XYLOCARD 500

The doctor giving you XYLOCARD 500 will be experienced in the use of antiarrhythmic drugs, so it is unlikely that you will be given an overdose.

However, if you are particularly sensitive to XYLOCARD 500, you may develop problems such as nervousness, dizziness, blurred vision, tremor or drowsiness.

Whenever you are given XYLOCARD 500, equipment will be available to care for you if an overdose happens.

If any overdose occurs, 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.

You may need urgent medical attention.

5. What should I know while being given XYLOCARD 500?

Things you should do

Ask your doctor if you have any questions about why this medicine has been given to you.

Drinking alcohol

Do not drink alcohol while you are being given XYLOCARD 500.

If you drink alcohol while you are being given XYLOCARD 500 your blood pressure may drop making you feel dizzy and faint.

Looking after this medicine

XYLOCARD 500 will be stored by your doctor or pharmacist under the recommended conditions.

It should be stored in the carton until immediately prior to use, in a cool dry place where the temperature stays below 25°C.

When to discard this medicine

This medicine is for single use only. Any opened solution will be disposed of in a safe manner by your doctor or pharmacist.

6. Are there any side effects?

Tell your doctor or nurse as soon as possible if you do not feel well while you are being given XYLOCARD 500.

XYLOCARD 500 will return abnormal heart beats back to normal in most people, but it may have unwanted 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 nurse 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">• drowsiness• lightheadedness• nervousness• dizziness• feeling strange (disoriented)• blurred vision• ringing in the ears• vomiting• twitching• tremors• feeling hot, cold or numb• difficulty swallowing• slurred speech.	<p>Speak to your doctor if you have any of these mild side effects and they worry you.</p> <p>These are all mild side effects of XYLOCARD 500.</p>

Serious side effects

Serious side effects	What to do
<p>If XYLOCARD 500 is given wrongly, or you are very sensitive to it, it sometimes causes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• fits• unconsciousness• breathing problems• low blood pressure• slow heartbeat• collapse	<p>Call your doctor or go straight to the Emergency Department at your nearest hospital if you notice any of these serious side effects.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a problem with your blood called methaemoglobinaemia. 	<p>You may need urgent medical attention.</p> <p>These are all serious side effects.</p>
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Tell your doctor or nurse 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 XYLOCARD 500 solution contains

Active ingredient (main ingredient)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> lidocaine hydrochloride 100 mg/mL (or 500 mg/5 mL ampoule)
Other ingredients (inactive ingredients)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> sodium chloride sodium hydroxide water for Injections.

Contains no bacteriostat.

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

What XYLOCARD 500 looks like

XYLOCARD 500 is a clear and colourless sterile, concentrated solution for infusion in a plastic 5 mL ampoule. Available in a pack size of 10 x 5 mL ampoules.

Australian Registration number: AUST R 12036

Who distributes XYLOCARD 500

Aspen Pharmacare Australia Pty Ltd
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