

# NITROPRUSSIDE SXP

*Sodium nitroprusside (Sodium Nitro-PRUSS-ide)*

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## Consumer Medicine Information

This leaflet provides important information about using NITROPRUSSIDE SXP. **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 NITROPRUSSIDE SXP.**

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## 1. Why am I being given NITROPRUSSIDE SXP?

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**NITROPRUSSIDE SXP contains the active ingredient sodium nitroprusside.** NITROPRUSSIDE SXP is known as a vasodilator and works by widening the blood vessels, which causes a decrease in blood pressure.

NITROPRUSSIDE SXP is used in emergency situations to quickly lower very high blood pressure (also known as hypertensive crisis).

It can also be used during surgery to keep blood pressure low in order to reduce bleeding during the surgical procedure.

NITROPRUSSIDE SXP may also be used in the short-term treatment of heart failure.

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## 2. What should I know before I am given NITROPRUSSIDE SXP?

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### Warnings

**You must not be given NITROPRUSSIDE SXP if you:**

- are allergic to sodium nitroprusside, cyanide, or any of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet. Always check the ingredients to make sure you can use this medicine. 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.
- have untreated anaemia (reduced red blood cells and iron stores)
- have inadequate blood supply to the brain
- have low blood volume (hypovolaemia)
- have acute congestive heart failure
- have severe kidney disease
- have any disease states associated with Vitamin B12 deficiency

- have some rare conditions causing reduced vision such as Leber's optic atrophy and tobacco amblyopia.

**Check with your doctor if you have or have had:**

- raised intracranial pressure (raised pressure within the head)
- thyroid problems
- kidney disease
- liver disease
- high blood pressure
- hypothermia decreased body temperature).
- or any other medical conditions

If you are not sure whether you should be given NITROPRUSSIDE SXP Injection, talk to your doctor or pharmacist.

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. NITROPRUSSIDE SXP passes into breast milk.

NITROPRUSSIDE SXP Injection is not recommended for use during pregnancy or breastfeeding.