

# Metaraminol Torbay™

Active ingredient: Metaraminol (as tartrate)

## Consumer Medicine Information

This leaflet provides important information about using Metaraminol Torbay. **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 Metaraminol Torbay.**

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### 1. Why am I using Metaraminol Torbay?

Metaraminol Torbay contains the active ingredient metaraminol tartrate. Metaraminol Torbay is a sympathomimetic amine. It strengthens the contraction of the heart muscle and constricts blood vessels to help increase the blood pressure.

Metaraminol Torbay is used to increase your blood pressure which can drop during spinal anaesthesia or can drop as a reaction to medications or surgical complications.

### 2. What should I know before I use Metaraminol Torbay?

#### Warnings

**Do not use Metaraminol Torbay if:**

- you are allergic to metaraminol tartrate, any other similar medicines or any of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet. Metaraminol Torbay contains sodium metabisulfite. A sulfite may cause an allergic-type reaction or an asthmatic episode in certain susceptible people. Always check the ingredients to make sure you can use this medicine.
- you are being given cyclopropane or halothane anaesthesia (unless clinical circumstances demand their use).
- the solution is discoloured, cloudy, turbid, or a precipitate is present.

**Check with your doctor if you:**

- have any other medical conditions including:
  - liver disease
  - heart or thyroid disease
  - high blood pressure
  - diabetes
  - malaria
- have allergies to any other medicines, sulphites or any other substances including foods, preservatives or dyes.
- take any medicines for any other condition

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.

#### Children

Metaraminol Torbay is not recommended for use in children.

### 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 may interfere with Metaraminol Torbay and affect how it works. These include:**

- certain medicines used to treat depression, e.g. Monoamine Oxidase Inhibitors (MAOI's) or Tricyclic antidepressants (TCA's)
- digoxin, a medicine used to treat heart failure

**Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure about what medicines, vitamins or supplements you are taking**

**and if these affect Metaraminol Torbay.**

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## **4. How do I use Metaraminol Torbay?**

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**Metaraminol Torbay must only be given by a doctor or nurse.**

### *How much Metaraminol Torbay is given*

- Your doctor will decide what dose of Metaraminol Torbay you will receive and how long you will receive it for. This depends on your medical condition and other factors, such as your weight.

### *How Metaraminol Torbay is given*

- Metaraminol Torbay is administered in a hospital as an injection into a vein or diluted before use and given with fluids into a vein.

### *If you are given too much Metaraminol Torbay*

As Metaraminol Torbay is always given to you in a hospital under the supervision of a doctor, it is unlikely that you will receive an overdose.

However, you should tell your doctor or nurse immediately if you feel unwell at all whilst you are being given Metaraminol Torbay. You may need urgent medical attention.

**Symptoms of an overdose may include:**

- nausea and/or vomiting
- excessive sweating
- breathlessness