

# SODIUM NITROPRUSSIDE BAXTER

Active ingredient(s): Sodium nitroprusside

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## Consumer Medicine Information

This leaflet provides important information about using SODIUM NITROPRUSSIDE BAXTER. **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 SODIUM NITROPRUSSIDE BAXTER.**

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### 1. Why am I using SODIUM NITROPRUSSIDE BAXTER?

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**SODIUM NITROPRUSSIDE BAXTER contains the active ingredient Sodium nitroprusside.** Sodium nitroprusside is a direct acting vasodilator used to treat hypertension, to induce controlled hypotension to reduce postoperative bleeding and to manage acute heart failure.

SODIUM NITROPRUSSIDE BAXTER is indicated for:

- Immediate reduction of blood pressure in patients with hypertensive crises. Concomitant oral antihypertensive medication should be started while the hypertensive emergency is being brought under control with sodium nitroprusside.
- Producing controlled hypotension during anaesthesia in order to reduce bleeding in surgical procedures where surgeon and anaesthetist deem it appropriate.
- Short term therapy of cardiac failure, to enhance cardiac output and lower myocardial oxygen requirements. Patients should be commenced on oral therapy as soon as possible.

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### 2. What should I know before I use SODIUM NITROPRUSSIDE BAXTER?

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#### Warnings

**Do not use SODIUM NITROPRUSSIDE BAXTER if:**

- you are allergic to Sodium nitroprusside or cyanide.
- Sodium nitroprusside should not be used in the treatment of compensatory hypertension.
- Sodium nitroprusside should not be used in physically poor risk patients with known inadequate cerebral circulation or in moribund patients