

# EPTIFIBATIDE MEDSURGE

## 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 being given EPTIFIBATIDE MEDSURGE?

EPTIFIBATIDE MEDSURGE contains the active ingredient eptifibatide and works by helping to prevent blood clots by stopping the platelets in the blood from sticking together.

For more information, see Section [1. Why am I being given EPTIFIBATIDE MEDSURGE?](#) in the full CMI.

### 2. What should I know before I am given EPTIFIBATIDE MEDSURGE?

Do not use if you have ever had an allergic reaction to eptifibatide 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 plan to become pregnant or are breastfeeding.**

For more information, see Section [2. What should I know before I am given EPTIFIBATIDE MEDSURGE?](#) in the full CMI.

### 3. What if I am taking other medicines?

Some medicines may interfere with EPTIFIBATIDE MEDSURGE 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.

Tell your doctor if you are taking any medicines to thin your blood, to prevent blood clots, or to dissolve clots.

### 4. How is EPTIFIBATIDE MEDSURGE given?

- EPTIFIBATIDE MEDSURGE is given in hospital by an injection into a vein followed by an intravenous drip (infusion). The infusion usually lasts for up to 3 or 4 days.
- The dose given is based on your weight. Your doctor or hospital pharmacist will work out the correct dose for you.
- You may also be given aspirin and heparin.

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

### 5. What should I know while being given EPTIFIBATIDE MEDSURGE?

<b>Things you should do</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Remind any doctor, dentist or pharmacist you visit that you are using Eptifibatide Medsurge.</li></ul>
<b>Things you should not do</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Do not take this medicine if you have a blood clotting disorder, a very low platelet count, a bleeding disorder, very high blood pressure, severe liver problems, any internal bleeding (except for menstrual bleeding), blood in the urine or bowel motions a stroke, surgery or severe injury, any brain tumour or a condition that affects the blood vessels around the brain.</li><li>• Do not take this medicine if you require dialysis.</li><li>• Do not take this medicine if you are allergic to any of its ingredients.</li></ul>
<b>Looking after your medicine</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• EPTIFIBATIDE MEDSURGE is stored in a hospital.</li><li>• EPTIFIBATIDE MEDSURGE should be stored refrigerated at 2°C to 8°C. Do not freeze EPTIFIBATIDE MEDSURGE.</li><li>• EPTIFIBATIDE MEDSURGE should be protected from light until administration.</li></ul>

For more information, see Section [5. What should I know while being given EPTIFIBATIDE MEDSURGE?](#) in the full CMI.

### 6. Are there any side effects?

The most common side effect experienced by people using this medicine is bleeding. During the administration of EPTIFIBATIDE MEDSURGE, the following effects have also occurred in some patients: low blood pressure, abnormal fast heartbeat, congestive heart failure (disease of the heart with shortness of breath or swelling of the feet or legs due to build-up of fluid), heart attack, shock, swelling and tenderness around a vein, low number of platelets in blood, decreased blood flow to brain, nausea, headache, fever, general body pain, stomach pain and chest pain.

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.

# EPTIFIBATIDE MEDSURGE

Active ingredient: *eptifibatide*

## Consumer Medicine Information (CMI)

This leaflet provides important information about using EPTIFIBATIDE MEDSURGE. **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 EPTIFIBATIDE MEDSURGE.**

Where to find information in this leaflet:

- [1. Why am I being given EPTIFIBATIDE MEDSURGE?](#)
- [2. What should I know before I am given EPTIFIBATIDE MEDSURGE?](#)
- [3. What if I am taking other medicines?](#)
- [4. How is EPTIFIBATIDE MEDSURGE given?](#)
- [5. What should I know while being given EPTIFIBATIDE MEDSURGE?](#)
- [6. Are there any side effects?](#)
- [7. Product details](#)

## 1. Why am I being given EPTIFIBATIDE MEDSURGE?

EPTIFIBATIDE MEDSURGE contains the active ingredient *eptifibatide*.

EPTIFIBATIDE MEDSURGE works by helping to prevent blood clots by stopping the platelets in the blood from sticking together.

**EPTIFIBATIDE MEDSURGE is used in people with unstable angina (chest pain) to help prevent heart attack and possible death.**

Angina is a pain or uncomfortable feeling in the chest, often spreading to the arms or neck and sometimes to the shoulders and back. This may be caused by too little blood and oxygen getting to the heart.

**EPTIFIBATIDE MEDSURGE is also used to prevent the formation of blood clots when people have a surgical procedure (percutaneous coronary intervention) to open an artery and insert a tube (stent).**

Your doctor, however, may prescribe EPTIFIBATIDE MEDSURGE for another purpose.

Ask your doctor if you have any questions about why EPTIFIBATIDE MEDSURGE has been prescribed for you.

## 2. What should I know before I am given EPTIFIBATIDE MEDSURGE?

### Warnings

**Do not use EPTIFIBATIDE MEDSURGE if:**

- you are allergic to *eptifibatide*, or any of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet.

- Always check the ingredients to make sure you can use this medicine.
- you have any of these medical conditions:**
  - a blood clotting disorder or a very low platelet count
  - a bleeding disorder or you tend to bleed easily
  - very high blood pressure
  - severe liver problems or you require dialysis

- you have had any of these medical conditions:**
  - any internal bleeding (except for menstrual bleeding) in the last month, such as from an ulcer or blood in the urine or bowel motions
  - a stroke as a result of bleeding in the brain
  - any other stroke in the last month
  - surgery or severe injury in the last six weeks
  - any brain tumour or a condition that affects the blood vessels around the brain

**Check with your doctor if you:**

- you have any other medical conditions including liver or kidney problems or problems with bleeding or blood clots.
- You are pregnant or planning to become pregnant.
- your doctor is going to use either of the following types of medicines:**
  - another injection of the same type as EPTIFIBATIDE MEDSURGE
  - medicines used to destroy or dissolve blood clots

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.

Do not use EPTIFIBATIDE MEDSURGE if you are pregnant unless you and your doctor have discussed the risks and benefits involved.

Talk to your doctor if you are breastfeeding or intend to breastfeed.

If you are breastfeeding, stop breastfeeding while you are being treated with EPTIFIBATIDE MEDSURGE.

### Children

EPTIFIBATIDE MEDSURGE should not be used in children.

### Addiction

There is no evidence that EPTIFIBATIDE MEDSURGE is addictive.

### 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.

Tell your doctor if you are taking any medicines to thin your blood, to prevent blood clots or to dissolve clots.

**Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure about what medicines, vitamins or supplements you are taking and if these affect EPTIFIBATIDE MEDSURGE.**

### 4. How is EPTIFIBATIDE MEDSURGE given?

#### How is it given

- EPTIFIBATIDE MEDSURGE is given in hospital by an injection into a vein followed by an intravenous drip (infusion). The infusion usually lasts for up to 3 or 4 days.

The dose given is based on your weight. Your doctor or hospital pharmacist will work out the correct dose for you.

You may also be given aspirin and heparin.

#### If you are given too much EPTIFIBATIDE MEDSURGE

If you are given too much EPTIFIBATIDE MEDSURGE, it could cause bleeding. If this happens the intravenous drip may need to be stopped. Usually, this will be enough to handle the overdose. However, if necessary, a blood transfusion may be given.

#### 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.**

### 5. What should I know while being given EPTIFIBATIDE MEDSURGE?

#### Looking after your medicine

- EPTIFIBATIDE MEDSURGE is typically stored in a hospital.
- Keep EPTIFIBATIDE MEDSURGE refrigerated at 2°C to 8°C. Do not freeze EPTIFIBATIDE MEDSURGE.
- EPTIFIBATIDE MEDSURGE should be protected from light until it is administered.

**Keep it where young children cannot reach it.**

#### Getting rid of any unwanted medicine

If you no longer need to use this medicine or it is out of date, take it to any pharmacy for safe disposal.

Do not use this medicine after the expiry date.

### 6. Are there any side effects?

Tell your doctor, nurse or hospital pharmacist as soon as possible if you do not feel well while you are being given EPTIFIBATIDE MEDSURGE.

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 pharmacist if you have any further questions about side effects.

While EPTIFIBATIDE MEDSURGE is being used, you will be checked for any signs of unusual or unexpected bleeding.

EPTIFIBATIDE MEDSURGE may also cause stinging or redness at the site of injection.

#### Less serious side effects

Less serious side effects	What to do
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>feeling dizzy or fainting</li><li>Swelling of feet or legs</li><li>Swelling and tenderness around a vein</li><li>Nausea</li><li>Headache</li><li>Fever</li><li>General body pain</li><li>Stomach pain</li></ul>	<b>Speak to your doctor if you have any of these less serious side effects and they worry you.</b>

#### Serious side effects

Serious side effects	What to do
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>bleeding</li><li>abnormal fast heartbeat</li><li>shortness of breath</li><li>low blood pressure</li><li>congestive heart failure / heart attack</li><li>shock</li><li>fainting or collapse</li><li>chest pain</li></ul>	<b>Call your doctor straight away, or go straight to the Emergency Department at your nearest hospital if you notice any of these serious side effects.</b>

**Tell your doctor or pharmacist 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](http://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 EPTIFIBATIDE MEDSURGE contains

<b>Active ingredient (main ingredient)</b>	eptifibatide (as eptifibatide acetate)
<b>Other ingredients (inactive ingredients)</b>	citric acid sodium hydroxide water for injections

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

### What EPTIFIBATIDE MEDSURGE looks like

EPTIFIBATIDE MEDSURGE is a clear colourless liquid for injection. It comes in vials in two strengths:

EPTIFIBATIDE MEDSURGE (eptifibatide 20mg in 10mL) Injection (AUST R xxxxx)

EPTIFIBATIDE MEDSURGE (eptifibatide 75mg in 100mL) Infusion (AUST R xxxxx)

### Who distributes EPTIFIBATIDE MEDSURGE

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*EPTIFIBATIDE MEDSURGE eptifibatide (as acetate) 75 mg/100 mL solution for injection vial (AUST R 431136)*

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