

DOPAMINE JUNO

Dopamine (DO-pa-meen) hydrochloride

Consumer Medicine Information

This leaflet provides important information about using dopamine. **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 this medicine.**

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1. Why am I using DOPAMINE JUNO?

Dopamine acts in different ways, depending on the dose given. At low doses, dopamine increases blood flow to the kidneys. At higher doses, it increases the blood flow to the muscles and can increase the heart's pumping efficiency.

Dopamine may be used to increase low blood pressure in people who have:

- experienced a heart attack
- a severe infection
- lost blood during an accident
- kidney failure
- problems after surgery.

Dopamine may be used to help the heart pump better in some people with congestive heart failure.

2. What should I know before I use DOPAMINE JUNO

Warnings

Do not use DOPAMINE JUNO if:

- You are allergic to dopamine, 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 the following medical conditions:
 - adrenal gland tumour (phaeochromocytoma)
 - irregular heart beat (arrhythmia)
 - overactive thyroid gland (hyperthyroidism).
 - liver disease
 - kidney disease.
- You are being given certain anaesthetics at the same time.
- You are currently using ergotamine, a medicine used to treat migraines.

Check with your doctor if you:

- Have allergies to any other medicines, sulfites, and other substance such as foods, preservatives or dyes.
- Have any medical conditions, especially the following:
 - hardening of the blood vessels
 - Raynaud's disease, where the fingers become white and very painful when cold
 - diabetes

- frostbite
- high blood pressure.

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.

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 and dopamine may with each other. These include:

- some anaesthetic agents
- ergotamine, methysergide and dihydroergotamine (medicines used to prevent or treat migraines)
- some heart and blood pressure tablets, including digoxin, prazosin, beta-blockers, calcium channel blockers and glyceryl trinitrate
- antidepressants (MAO inhibitors, tricyclic antidepressants)
- haloperidol or droperidol (medicines used to treat some mental illnesses)
- medicines used to control seizures (fits), such as phenytoin.

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

4. How do I use DOPAMINE JUNO?

How much to use

- Your doctor will decide the appropriate dose for you.

When to use dopamine

- You will be given dopamine infusions as directed by your doctor.

How to use dopamine

- Dopamine JUNO is diluted and given slowly as an infusion (a drip) into a vein.
- This medicine should only be given by a doctor, nurse or other trained person.

If you use too much dopamine

As Dopamine JUNO is given to you in hospital under the supervision of your doctor, it is very unlikely that you will receive an overdose. Symptoms of a dopamine overdose include the effects listed below in the 'Side Effects' section but are usually of a more severe nature.