

# VENTOLIN INJECTION

## 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 using VENTOLIN INJECTION?

VENTOLIN INJECTION contains the active ingredient salbutamol sulfate. VENTOLIN INJECTION helps you breathe more easily.

For more information, see Section [1. Why am I using VENTOLIN INJECTION?](#) in the full CMI.

### 2. What should I know before I use VENTOLIN INJECTION?

Do not use if you have ever had an allergic reaction to VENTOLIN 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 use VENTOLIN INJECTION?](#) in the full CMI.

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

Some medicines may interfere with VENTOLIN INJECTION 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.

### 4. How do I use VENTOLIN INJECTION?

- Ventolin Injection must only be given by a doctor, or a nurse acting on a doctor's instruction.
- It may be injected into muscle tissue or into a vein. When it is injected into a vein, it may be given directly or through a 'drip'.
- Sometimes it is injected under the skin.
- Initial doses in the elderly may be lower than the recommended adult dosage.

More instructions can be found in Section [4. How do I use VENTOLIN INJECTION?](#) in the full CMI.

### 5. What should I know while using VENTOLIN INJECTION?

<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 VENTOLIN INJECTION.</li><li>• If you are going to have surgery, tell the surgeon or anaesthetist that you are taking this medicine.</li><li>• Keep all of your doctor's appointments so that your progress can be checked.</li><li>• Tell your doctor if you become pregnant or are breastfeeding.</li></ul>
<b>Things you should not do</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Do not use VENTOLIN INJECTION to treat any other complaints unless your doctor tells you to.</li><li>• Do not give this medicine to anyone else, even if their symptoms seem similar to yours.</li></ul>
<b>Looking after your medicine</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Keep this medicine where children cannot reach it, such as in a locked cupboard.</li><li>• Keep in a cool, dry place where it stays below 30°C.</li><li>• Do not leave in a car, on a window sill or in a bathroom.</li></ul>

For more information, see Section [5. What should I know while using VENTOLIN INJECTION?](#) in the full CMI.

### 6. Are there any side effects?

Like other medicines, VENTOLIN INJECTION can cause some side effects. The most commonly reported side effects are a shaky feeling and your heart beating faster than usual. A potentially serious side effect that may occur is a low level of potassium in your blood.

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.

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Active ingredient(s): *salbutamol sulfate*

## Consumer Medicine Information (CMI)

This leaflet provides important information about using VENTOLIN INJECTION. **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 VENTOLIN INJECTION.**

**Where to find information in this leaflet:**

- [1. Why am I using VENTOLIN INJECTION?](#)
- [2. What should I know before I use VENTOLIN INJECTION?](#)
- [3. What if I am taking other medicines?](#)
- [4. How do I use VENTOLIN INJECTION?](#)
- [5. What should I know while using VENTOLIN INJECTION?](#)
- [6. Are there any side effects?](#)
- [7. Product details](#)

## 1. Why am I using VENTOLIN INJECTION?

**VENTOLIN INJECTION contains the active ingredient salbutamol sulfate.** VENTOLIN INJECTION helps you to breathe more easily. When your chest is tight or when you are wheezing, VENTOLIN INJECTION opens up the breathing tubes in your lungs.

**VENTOLIN INJECTION is used to for the prevention and relief of bronchospasm in bronchial asthma of all types.**

VENTOLIN INJECTION belongs to a group of medicines called bronchodilators.

There are other types of medicines that prevent wheezing or chest tightness. These medicines are called 'preventers' and must be used every day. Your doctor may tell you to use a 'preventer' in addition to your VENTOLIN INJECTION. Ventolin Injection is not the only form of Ventolin available. Your doctor will decide which form of Ventolin is right for you.

Your doctor may have prescribed VENTOLIN INJECTION for another reason.

VENTOLIN INJECTION is not addictive.

## 2. What should I know before I use VENTOLIN INJECTION?

### Warnings

**Do not use VENTOLIN INJECTION if:**

- If you are allergic to salbutamol sulfate, or any of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet.
- If the expiry date (EXP) printed on the pack has passed.
- If the packaging is torn or shows signs of tampering.

**Check with your doctor if you:**

- Are taking any other medicines, including medicines you buy without a prescription
- Have had to stop taking this or any other asthma medicine for any reason
- Have been diagnosed with a thyroid condition
- Have been diagnosed with high blood pressure
- Have a heart problem such as an irregular or fast heart beat or angina

- Have diabetes
- Are breastfeeding, pregnant or trying to become pregnant
- Are allergic to foods, dyes, preservatives or any other medicines

Some of the symptoms of an allergic reaction may include:

- Shortness of breath
- Wheezing or difficulty in breathing
- Swelling of the face, lips, tongue or other parts of the body, rash, itching or hives on the skin

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.

Your doctor will tell you which medicine you should take. It is important that asthma is managed well during pregnancy and you should not stop your medicine without asking your doctor.

## 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 VENTOLIN INJECTION and affect how it works.**

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

## 4. How do I use VENTOLIN INJECTION?

### How to take it

- Ventolin Injection must only be given by a doctor, or a nurse acting on a doctor's instruction.
- Do not try to use Ventolin Injection on your own.
- Ventolin Injection may be injected into muscle tissue or into a vein. When it is injected into a vein, it may be given directly or through a 'drip'. Sometimes it is injected under the skin.
- Do not use Ventolin Injection in the same syringe or 'drip' as any other medicine.
- Initial doses in the elderly may be lower than the recommended adult dosage.

### When to take it

- Your doctor will decide how often and for how long you have to use VENTOLIN INJECTION.

## If you have had too much VENTOLIN INJECTION

If you think that you have had too much VENTOLIN INJECTION, you may need urgent medical attention.

### 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.

Symptoms of too much VENTOLIN INJECTION may include:

- your heart beating significantly faster than normal
- significant muscle tremors
- an increased rate of breathing due to increased acid in the blood
- nausea
- vomiting

Some side effects of overdose, for example changes in blood sugar (glucose) level, changes in blood potassium or lactic acid levels can only be found when your doctor does tests from time to time to check your progress.

## 5. What should I know while using VENTOLIN INJECTION?

### Things you should do

#### Call your doctor straight away if:

- You are experiencing any side effects or allergic reactions due to taking VENTOLIN INJECTION, even if the problem is not listed below.
- VENTOLIN INJECTION does not help your breathing as much as usual or the effect of Ventolin Injection does not last as long as usual.

If you are going to have surgery, tell the surgeon or anaesthetist that you are taking this medicine. It may affect other medicines used during the surgery.

Remind any health care professional you visit that you are using VENTOLIN INJECTION.

Keep all of your doctor's appointments so that your progress can be checked.

### Things you should not do

- Do not use VENTOLIN INJECTION to treat any other complaints unless your doctor tells you to.
- Do not give this medicine to anyone else, even if their symptoms seem similar to yours.

### Looking after your medicine

- Keep this medicine where children cannot reach it, such as in a locked cupboard at least one-and-a-half metres above ground.
- Keep VENTOLIN INJECTION in a cool, dry place where it stays below 30°C.
- Do not leave in a car, on a window sill or in a bathroom.
- Heat and dampness can destroy some medicines.

## When to discard your medicine

**You will find an expiry (or use by) date on the carton. Do not use your VENTOLIN INJECTION after this date.**

### 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?

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.

### Less serious side effects

Less serious side effects	What to do
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Stinging or pain when the injection is given directly into the muscle</li><li>• Shaky or tense feeling</li><li>• Excitability in children</li><li>• Muscle cramps</li><li>• Nausea</li><li>• 'Warm' feeling</li><li>• Headache</li><li>• Increased blood flow to the extremities (peripheral vasodilation)</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>• Irregular or fast heartbeat</li><li>• Low blood pressure</li><li>• A low level of potassium in your blood</li></ul> <p><b>Signs and symptoms of an allergic reaction may include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Angioedema (sudden swelling under the skin), swelling of the lips/mouth</li><li>• Skin rash, lumpy rash (hives)</li><li>• Faint, dizzy feeling or fainting</li><li>• Wheezing, difficulty in breathing</li></ul> <p>Very rarely, in people receiving high dose treatment with this medicine and in patients with an acute exacerbation of asthma, a serious condition called lactic acidosis may occur because of a build-up of lactic acid in your blood. Your doctor may do tests to check this.</p> <p>Signs and symptoms of lactic acidosis may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Shortness of breath</li><li>• Abnormally fast or deep breathing</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 VENTOLIN INJECTION contains**

<b>Active ingredient (main ingredient)</b>	Salbutamol sulfate
<b>Other ingredients (inactive ingredients)</b>	Sodium chloride Water Dilute sulphuric acid for pH adjustment
<b>Potential allergens</b>	VENTOLIN INJECTION contains no other additives

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

### **What VENTOLIN INJECTION looks like**

VENTOLIN INJECTION (AUST R 12527) is stored in clear glass ampoules. Each ampoule of Ventolin Injection contains 1 mL of liquid and provides 500 micrograms of salbutamol sulfate.

### **Who distributes VENTOLIN INJECTION**

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