



Patient Information Leaflet

Ergometrine Injection

Important information about your medicine

- ▶ Your doctor or nurse will give you the injection
- ▶ If this injection causes you any problems talk to your doctor, nurse or pharmacist
- ▶ Please tell your doctor or pharmacist, if you have any other medical conditions or have an allergy to any of the ingredients of this medicine
- ▶ Please tell your doctor or pharmacist, if you are taking any other medicines

- **Read all of this leaflet carefully** before you start using this medicine. In some circumstances **this may not be possible** and this leaflet will be kept in a safe place should you wish to read it.
- **Keep this leaflet.** You may need to read it again
- If you have any further questions, please **ask your doctor or your pharmacist.**
- This medicine has been prescribed for you personally and you should not pass it on to others. It may harm them, even if their symptoms are the same as yours.

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1. What Ergometrine Injection is and what it is used for

Ergometrine Injection is a medicine that causes contraction of the muscles of the womb and is used:

- in the active management of the third stage of **labour**
- to control **bleeding** after the birth.

2. Before you are given Ergometrine Injection

You should NOT be given Ergometrine Injection if you:

- are **sensitive** or **allergic** to Ergometrine Injection or any of the other ingredients in this injection.
- have **high blood pressure**
- have **heart disease**

Please tell your doctor or nurse before being given the injection if you:

- have **liver** or **kidney** problems
- have an **infection**

- have any **heart disease**
- are going to have an operation under **general anaesthetic**
- have **cold hands** or **feet** (Raynaud's disease)

Using other medicines:

Please tell your doctor or nurse if you are taking or have recently taken **any other medicines**, including medicines obtained without a prescription. This is especially important with the following medicines as they may interact with your Ergometrine Injection:

- **halothane** (a general anaesthetic)
- drugs that constrict your blood vessels such as **adrenaline** (epinephrine)
- any **cough** or **cold** remedies

Pregnancy or breast feeding:

Please tell your **doctor or nurse** before being given this injection if you are **pregnant** or **breast feeding**. The doctor will then decide if the injection is suitable for you.



Driving and using machines:

You should **not drive or use machinery** if you are **affected** by the administration of Ergometrine Injection.

3. How to use Ergometrine Injection

Your nurse or doctor will give you the injection.

Your doctor will decide the **correct dosage** for you and **how and when** the injection will be given.

Since the injection will be given to you by a doctor or nurse, it is **unlikely** that you will be given too much. **If you think you have been given too much**, you must tell the person giving you the injection.

Ergometrine Injection is not recommended for elderly patients and children.

4. Possible side effects

Like all medicines, Ergometrine Injection can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them. You may suffer:

- **nausea**
- **vomiting**
- **abdominal** pains
- **headache**
- **dizziness**
- **ringing** in the ears
- **skin rashes**
- **irregular** or **slowed** heart beat
- **palpitations** (an awareness of your heart beating)
- **chest** pains
- **heart attack**
- high **blood pressure**
- **breathing** difficulties

If you think this injection is causing you **any problems**, or you are at all worried, **talk to your doctor, nurse or pharmacist**.

5. Storing Ergometrine Injection

Your injection will be stored at less than 10°C and protected from light. The nurse or doctor will check that the injection is not past its expiry date before giving you the injection.

6. Further information

What Ergometrine Injection contains:

This injection contains the **active ingredient** ergometrine maleate 0.05% w.v. Each 1 ml of solution contains 500 mcg of ergometrine maleate.

This injection contains the following **inactive ingredients**: Sterile Water for Injections.

What Ergometrine Injection looks like and contents of the pack:

Ergometrine Injection is supplied in a 1 ml clear glass ampoule, 10 ampoules are supplied in a carton.

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