

Cisatracurium Pfizer®

Cisatracurium (as besylate)

Consumer Medicine Information

What is in this leaflet

This leaflet answers some common questions about CISATRACURIUM PFIZER. It does not contain all of the available information.

Reading this leaflet does not take the place of talking to your doctor or pharmacist.

Taking any medicine involves some risk. It is possible that all risks associated with this medicine might not have been detected, despite proper testing. Only your doctor or pharmacist is able to weigh up all of the relevant facts, and you should consult them if you have any queries.

If you have any concerns about the use of Cisatracurium Pfizer ask your doctor or pharmacist.

Keep this information.

You may want to read it again. This leaflet provides information about CISATRACURIUM PFIZER. The statements that are made in this leaflet cannot be applied to any other medicine, even those that are similar or appear to contain the same ingredients.

What CISATRACURIUM PFIZER is used for

CISATRACURIUM PFIZER is used to relax the body's muscles.

CISATRACURIUM PFIZER will normally be given to you when you are in surgery, or during other medical procedures. Cisatracurium Pfizer is only used in conjunction with an anaesthetic, so you will be asleep during the procedure.

If you have any questions about why CISATRACURIUM PFIZER is used ask your doctor.

How does CISATRACURIUM PFIZER works

Cisatracurium besylate (the active ingredient in CISATRACURIUM PFIZER) belongs to a group of medicines called "neuromuscular blockers".

CISATRACURIUM PFIZER works by blocking the effects of one of the body's chemical messengers called acetylcholine.

Acetylcholine is involved in muscle contraction.

By relaxing your body's muscles CISATRACURIUM PFIZER makes it easier for you to be kept asleep (under anaesthesia) or sedation.

Your doctor will be able to provide you with more information.

Before you use CISATRACURIUM PFIZER

CISATRACURIUM PFIZER is not suitable for everyone.

Before CISATRACURIUM PFIZER is used make sure that your doctor knows if:

- 1. You are allergic to:**
 - cisatracurium besylate, atracurium or benzenesulfonic acid.
 - any other muscle relaxants.
- 2. You are pregnant or breastfeeding.**
- 3. You suffer from myasthenia gravis or any other form of neuromuscular disease.**
- 4. You, or a relative have had previous difficulties with anaesthetics.**
- 5. You are allergic to any other muscle relaxant medicine.**
- 6. You are taking any other medication, including:**
 - Antibiotics.
 - Anti-arrhythmics, which are used to control irregular heart or rapid heartbeat.
 - Diuretics, used to increase your volume of urine.
 - Magnesium or lithium salts.
 - Phenytoin or carbamazepine (for fits).
 - Any other medicine that you buy without a prescription from a pharmacy, supermarket or health food shop.

Your doctor will have a complete list of the medicines that may cause problems when taken with CISATRACURIUM PFIZER.

When **CISATRACURIUM PFIZER** must not be used

CISATRACURIUM PFIZER should not be used after the expiry date printed on the pack.

How to use **CISATRACURIUM PFIZER**

CISATRACURIUM PFIZER is a medicine that is given by injection. **CISATRACURIUM PFIZER** will be administered by an anaesthetist or other highly trained doctor, usually during surgery or other medical procedures. The dosage will vary according to many factors such as body weight and the duration of the procedure.

If you have any questions about the dose that you will receive ask your doctor.

If you take too much (overdose)

Overdoses of **CISATRACURIUM PFIZER** lead to prolonged relaxation of the body's muscles. This can be readily treated, however, this situation is unlikely to occur because **CISATRACURIUM PFIZER** is only administered by an anaesthetist or other highly trained doctor who will closely monitor your progress.

*After being treated with **CISATRACURIUM PFIZER***

Your doctor will be able to tell you whether there are any special instructions after you have been treated with **CISATRACURIUM PFIZER**.

Side effects

All medicines can have side effects. Sometimes they are serious. Most of the time they are not.

Tell your doctor or pharmacist as soon as possible if you do not feel well after you have received **CISATRACURIUM PFIZER**.

It is possible that **CISATRACURIUM PFIZER** may cause the following side effects:

- Flushing of the face and upper body.
- Skin rashes.
- Slow heart beat.
- Low blood pressure.
- Difficulty breathing.

During studies using Cisatracurium Pfizer less than one patient in every 200 treated experienced these side effects.

Ask your doctor or pharmacist to answer any questions you may have.

There is no evidence that **CISATRACURIUM PFIZER** is addictive.

After using **CISATRACURIUM PFIZER**

Storage

CISATRACURIUM PFIZER should be stored by the hospital's pharmacy between 2°C and 8°C and protected from light.

CISATRACURIUM PFIZER does not contain any antimicrobial preservative. Diluted **CISATRACURIUM PFIZER** is chemically and physically stable for at least 12 hours, when stored in either polyethylene or polypropylene containers.

Product description

*What **CISATRACURIUM PFIZER** looks like*

CISATRACURIUM PFIZER is a colourless to pale yellow or greenish solution.

CISATRACURIUM PFIZER 5 mg/2.5 mL, 10 mg/5 mL and 20 mg/10 mL (all sizes) are presented in glass ampoules.

Ingredients

CISATRACURIUM PFIZER is supplied in a concentration of 2.68 mg/mL cisatracurium besylate equivalent to cisatracurium 2 mg/mL

CISATRACURIUM PFIZER also contains:

- Benzenesulfonic acid, and
- Water for Injections.

Manufacturer

CISATRACURIUM PFIZER is supplied in Australia by:
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Australian registration numbers

- **CISATRACURIUM PFIZER** Injection 5 mg/2.5 mL:
AUST R 195941
- **CISATRACURIUM PFIZER** Injection 10 mg/5 mL:
AUST R 195954
- **CISATRACURIUM PFIZER** Injection 20 mg/10 mL:
AUST R 195984 *

* Note: **CISATRACURIUM PFIZER** 20 mg/10 mL is not available in Australia.

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