

# CARDIOPLEGIA "A" SOLUTION FOR CARDIAC PERFUSION

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## Consumer Medicine Information

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This leaflet does not contain all of the available information about Cardioplegia "A" Solution. It does not take the place of talking to your Doctor.

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### What Cardioplegia "A" Solution is used for

Cardioplegia "A" Solution is used in Open-Heart Surgery to stop the heart and to protect the heart muscle during your operation.

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### Before Cardioplegia "A" Solution is used on you

- 1. Ask your Doctor about the risks and benefits of using Cardioplegia "A" Solution while you are pregnant.**
- 2. Inform your Doctor if you are breast feeding.**

It is not recommended to use Cardioplegia "A" Solution if you are breast feeding. Your baby can absorb Cardioplegia "A" Solution from breast milk if you are breastfeeding.

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### Using Cardioplegia "A" Solution

**When is Cardioplegia "A" Solution used?**

Cardioplegia "A" Solution is used, by your surgeon, during Open-Heart surgery by pouring the solution through your heart.

*Amount of Cardioplegia "A" Solution used*

The volume of Cardioplegia "A" Solution used is dependent on your weight, height and body surface area. It is also dependent on the duration of the surgery and type of Open-Heart surgery. Cardioplegia "A" Solution may be re-introduced every 20-30 minutes or sooner depending on the temperature of your body (which must be between 15-20°Celsius) and whether your heart starts to beat again during surgery.

*Inadequate Dosage*

Inadequate dosage of Cardioplegia "A" Solution may result in uneven cooling of your heart and may not stop your heart completely during surgery, leading to injury caused by lack of blood flow.

*Overdosage*

Overuse of Cardioplegia "A" Solution may result in swelling and eventually fluid build up in the heart.

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### Side Effects

**Some people may get side effects following the use of Cardioplegia "A" Solution during Open-Heart surgery. Tell your Doctor if you experience anything making you feel unwell. Your Doctor will be able to explain to you any potential side-effects.**

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## What Cardioplegia "A" Solution looks like

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Cardioplegia "A" Solution is a clear, colourless solution supplied in a 1000mL Viaflex® plastic container. It is labelled Cardioplegia "A" Solution for Cardiac Perfusion.

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## Ingredients

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One litre of this solution contains:

Sodium Chloride: 6.43 grams

Potassium Chloride: 1.19 grams

Magnesium Chloride Hexahydrate:  
3.25 grams

Calcium Chloride Dihydrate: 176  
milligrams

Water for Injections: Made up to 1  
Litre Volume

Prior to use the surgeon adds 10mL  
of Sodium Bicarbonate 8.4% w/v.

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## Manufacturer

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Cardioplegia "A" Solution is made in  
Australia by:

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LTD.,  
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