

# DOPAMINE JUNO

## 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 DOPAMINE JUNO?

DOPAMINE JUNO contains the active ingredient dopamine hydrochloride. Dopamine may be used to increase low blood pressure in people who have a severe infection, experienced a heart attack, lost blood during an accident, kidney failure or problems after surgery. Dopamine may be used to help the heart pump better in some people with congestive heart failure. For more information, see Section [1. Why am I using DOPAMINE JUNO?](#) in the full CMI.

### 2. What should I know before I use DOPAMINE JUNO?

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

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

Some medicines may interfere with dopamine 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 DOPAMINE JUNO?

- Your doctor will decide the appropriate dose for you.
- A doctor or nurse will usually prepare and administer the injection or infusion.
- Follow all instructions given to you by your doctor and pharmacist.

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

### 5. What should I know while using DOPAMINE JUNO?

<b>Things you should do</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Remind any doctor, dentist or pharmacist you visit that you are receiving dopamine.</li></ul>
<b>Driving or using machines</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Be careful before you drive or use any machines or tools until you know how dopamine affects you. Dopamine may cause dizziness in some people.</li></ul>
<b>Drinking alcohol</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tell your doctor if you drink alcohol. Alcohol may increase the side effects of some medicines.</li></ul>
<b>Looking after your medicine</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• This medicine will be stored in the pharmacy or on the ward (stored below 25°C, protected from light).</li></ul>

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

### 6. Are there any side effects?

Dopamine may cause dizziness, nausea, vomiting, headache, anxiety, cold or tingling feet, chest pain, irregular or rapid heart beat, or difficulty breathing.

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.

# DOPAMINE JUNO

**Active ingredient(s):** *Dopamine (DO-pa-meen) hydrochloride*

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## Consumer Medicine Information (CMI)

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.**

### Where to find information in this leaflet:

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

## 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)
  - fast or irregular heart beat (arrhythmia, ventricular fibrillation)
  - 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.

## 5. What should I know while using DOPAMINE JUNO?

### Things you should do

Remind any doctor, dentist or pharmacist you visit that you have been given dopamine.

### Driving or using machines

Be careful before you drive or use any machines or tools until you know how dopamine affects you.

Dopamine may cause dizziness in some people.

### Drinking alcohol

Tell your doctor if you drink alcohol.

Alcohol may increase the side effects of some medicines.

### Looking after your medicine

Dopamine JUNO will be stored in the pharmacy or on the ward. The injection is kept in a cool dry place, protected from light, where the temperature stays below 25°C.

### Getting rid of any unwanted medicine

Any unwanted medicine will be disposed of in a safe manner by your doctor, nurse or pharmacist.

## 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>dizziness</li><li>nausea</li><li>vomiting</li><li>headache</li><li>anxiety.</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>cold or tingling feet which may indicate problems with blood circulation</li><li>chest pain</li><li>irregular or rapid heart beat</li><li>difficulty 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 DOPAMINE JUNO contains

<b>Active ingredient (main ingredient)</b>	Dopamine hydrochloride.
<b>Other ingredients (inactive ingredients)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Water for Injection</li><li>Potassium metabisulfite</li><li>Sodium chloride</li><li>Hydrochloric acid/Sodium hydroxide</li></ul>

<b>Allergen information</b>	This medicine does not contain lactose, sucrose, gluten, tartrazine or other azo dyes.
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**Do not take this medicine if you are allergic to any of the ingredients contained in this product.**

### **What DOPAMINE JUNO looks like**

A clear, colourless to pale yellow solution in a coloured glass ampoule.

#### **Australian registration numbers:**

AUST R 332320

### **Who distributes DOPAMINE JUNO**

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