

# Prostin(R) F2 alpha

*Dinoprost trometamol*

## Consumer Medicine Information

### What is in this leaflet

This leaflet answers some common questions about Prostin F2 alpha.

It does not contain all the available information.

It does not take the place of talking to your doctor or pharmacist.

All medicines have risks and benefits. Your doctor or pharmacist has weighed the risks of you taking Prostin F2 alpha against the benefits they expect it will have for you.

**If you have any concerns about taking this medicine, ask your doctor or pharmacist.**

**Keep this leaflet with the medicine.**

You may need to read it again.

### What Prostin F2 alpha is used for

Prostin F2 alpha contains 5mg/1 mL of the active ingredient called dinoprost. This is in the form of dinoprost trometamol, a type of dinoprost.

The active ingredient is also known as prostaglandin F2 alpha. Prostaglandins occur naturally in the body and are very important in spontaneous labour.

Prostin F2 alpha also contains the inactive ingredient benzyl alcohol.

Prostin F2 alpha is used to induce miscarriage. The medicine empties the uterus by causing contractions.

These contractions may not happen until several hours after administration.

Your doctor may have prescribed Prostin F2 alpha for another reason.

**Ask your doctor if you have any questions about why Prostin F2 alpha has been prescribed for you.**

Prostin F2 alpha is a **PRESCRIPTION ONLY MEDICINE** that must be administered by a doctor.

**Never administer this medicine yourself.**

### Before you are given Prostin F2 alpha

#### *When you must not be given it*

Prostin F2 alpha should not be used if:

- \* You have a pelvic infection. Your infection should be adequately treated before you are given Prostin F2 alpha.
- \* You have ever had a caesarean section or any other operation on your uterus.
- \* You have an infection of the cervix or vagina.

You have ever had a bad reaction to a prostaglandin treatment in the past, or are allergic to any of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet. Symptoms of an allergic reaction may include:

- \* Asthma, wheezing or shortness of breath

- \* Swelling of the face, lips or tongue which may cause difficulty in swallowing or breathing.
- \* Hives, itching or skin rash.
- \* Fainting.

**Prostin F2 alpha should not be used after the expiry date (EXP) printed on the pack or if the packaging is torn or shows signs of tampering.**

#### *Before you are given it*

**You must tell your doctor if:**

- \* You have asthma or are using any asthma preparations.
- \* You have glaucoma (raised pressure in your eyes).
- \* You have drunk alcohol in the last 24 hours.

**If you have not told your doctor or pharmacist about any of the above, tell them before you are treated with Prostin F2 alpha.**

#### *Taking other medicines*

**Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking/using any other medicines, including any that you buy without a prescription from your pharmacy, supermarket or health food shop.**

Some medicines and Prostin F2 alpha may interfere with each other. These include:

- \* oxytocin
- \* beta stimulants (used for the treatment of asthma)

These medicines may be affected by Prostin F2 alpha, or may affect how well it works. You may need different amounts of your medicine,

or you may need to take/use different medicines. Your doctor or pharmacist will advise you.

Your doctor or pharmacist may have more information on medicines to be careful with or avoid while being given Prostin F2 alpha.

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## How Prostin F2 alpha is given

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Prostin F2 alpha is given either by injection into the uterus through your belly or by way of a tube inserted into the uterus through the vagina.

The dose of Prostin F2 alpha will be determined by your doctor for your individual requirements.

Prostin F2 alpha should only be used in hospitals and clinics with specialised units for pregnancy and childbirth.

### Overdose

Your doctor or pharmacist has information on how to recognise and treat an overdose. Ask your doctor or pharmacist if you have any concerns.

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## Side effects

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**Tell your doctor or pharmacist as soon as possible if you do not feel well after you have been given Prostin F2 alpha.**

All medicines can have side effects. Sometimes they are serious, most of the time they are not. You may need medical treatment if you get some of the side effects.

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

**Tell your doctor if you have any of the following during treatment and they worry you:**

- \* Nausea
- \* Vomiting
- \* Diarrhoea
- \* Fever
- \* Chills
- \* Pain
- \* Infections
- \* High or low blood pressure
- \* Tiredness
- \* Headache
- \* Dizziness
- \* Shortness of breath
- \* Narrowing of the airways
- \* Coughing

**Tell your doctor or pharmacist immediately if you notice any of the following side effects:**

- \* Blood loss
- \* Blood clots
- \* Allergic-type reactions including shortness of breath, wheezing, swelling of the face, lips or tongue which may cause difficulty in swallowing or breathing, hives, itching, skin rash or fainting.
- \* A tear in the uterus
- \* Fast heart beat
- \* Other changes to your heart beat

You may need urgent medical attention or hospitalisation.

**Other side effects not listed above may occur in some patients. Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you notice anything that is making you feel unwell.**

**Do not be alarmed by this list of possible side effects.**

You may not experience any of them.

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## Storage

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Prostin F2 alpha will be stored at the hospital or facility where you will be treated. The injection is kept in a cool dry place, protected from light, where the temperature stays below 25 degrees C.

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## Product description

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### *What it looks like*

Prostin F2 alpha is a clear colourless solution in a glass ampoule containing 1mL. There is 1 ampoule in a pack.

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### *Ingredients*

Active ingredients:

- \* Dinoprost trometamol

Other ingredients:

- \* Benzyl alcohol
- \* Water for injections
- \* Sodium hydroxide
- \* Hydrochloric acid

### *Supplier*

Prostin F2 alpha is supplied in Australia by:

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