

IPRAVENT[®] INHALATION SOLUTION CONSUMER MEDICINE INFORMATION

What is in this leaflet

This leaflet answers some common questions about Ipravent. It does not contain all the available information. It does not take the place of talking to your doctor or pharmacist.

All medicines have benefits and risks. Your doctor has weighed the risks of you taking Ipravent against the benefits this medicine is expected to have for you.

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

Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.

What IPRAVENT INHALATION SOLUTION is used for

Ipravent belongs to a group of medicines known as anticholinergic bronchodilators. Anticholinergic bronchodilators work by relaxing the bronchial tubes (air passages) that carry air in and out of your lungs. This makes breathing less difficult.

Ipravent is used to relieve the symptoms of lung disease such as asthma or chronic obstructive bronchitis. It may be used in other conditions where breathing is difficult, such as after surgery or during assisted ventilation.

Ipravent may be used for the management of other conditions that are not mentioned above. Your doctor will be able to tell you about the specific condition for which you have been prescribed Ipravent.

This medicine is available only with a doctor's prescription.

Before you use IPRAVENT INHALATION SOLUTION

When you must not be given it

Do not use Ipravent if:

- you have an allergy to ipratropium bromide or any of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet

If you are not sure if this applies to you, check with your doctor.

Before you are given it

Tell your doctor if:

1. You have any allergies to:

- any other medicine, especially atropine or other anticholinergic drugs
- any other substances, such as foods, preservatives or dyes

2. You are pregnant or intend to become pregnant

3. You are breast-feeding or plan to breast feed

4. You have or have had any medical conditions, especially the following:

- an eye condition called 'glaucoma'
- difficulty passing urine
- chronic constipation
- cystic fibrosis

Using other medicines

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

Your doctor will advise you about continuing to use other medicines while you are receiving Ipravent.

How IPRAVENT INHALATION SOLUTION is used

Ipravent is intended for inhalation with suitable nebulising equipment and must not be swallowed.

Your doctor will decide what dose and how long you will receive Ipravent. However, the usual dose of Ipravent is 250 to 500µg diluted to 2 to 3mL with normal saline and nebulised until the entire volume of solution is inhaled, every six hours.

How to use your medicine

Ipravent is used only in a power-operated nebuliser, which can be obtained from your local pharmacy.

You will also need a mask or mouthpiece, which is used with the nebuliser so that your prescribed dose can be inhaled. The time taken to deliver a given volume of solution will depend on the equipment used, but most nebulisers will deliver 1mL of solution over 3 minutes and 2mL over 8-10 minutes. Make sure you understand how to use the nebuliser.

Do not allow Ipravent to come in contact with the eyes. It is important to ensure that the nebuliser mask is correctly fitted over the mouth and nose to prevent the mist from contacting the eyes.

What to do if you miss a dose

If you forget your dose, inhale it as soon as you remember. If you remember when it is almost time for your next dose, inhale only your usual dose at that time.

If you inhale too much (overdose)

Accidental overdose by inhalation is unlikely. However, if you do inhale too much ipratropium bromide, you may experience some of the effects listed under “**Side effects**” below.

Immediately telephone your doctor or Poisons Information Centre (telephone 13 11 26) or go to casualty at your nearest hospital, if you think that you or anyone else may have inhaled too much Ipravent solution. Do this even if there are no signs of discomfort or poisoning. You may need urgent medical attention. Keep these telephone numbers handy.

Side effects

Tell your doctor, nurse or pharmacist as soon as possible if you do not feel well while you are using ipratropium bromide.

Like other medicines, ipratropium bromide can cause some side effects. If they occur, most are likely to be minor or temporary. However, some may be serious and need medical attention.

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

Do not be alarmed by this list of possible side effects. You may not experience any of them.

Tell your doctor if you notice any of the following:

- change in bowel movement
- difficulty passing urine
- narrow-angle glaucoma (a condition of the eye, the symptoms of which may include red eyes, eye pain or discomfort, sight disturbances such as blurred vision, halos or coloured images)
- temporary problems focussing the eyes
- dry mouth

- throat irritation or cough
- headache
- nausea
- allergic reactions

Other side effects not listed above may also occur in some patients. If you notice any other effects, check with your doctor. Some side effects may only be seen by your doctor.

After using IPRAVENT INHALATION SOLUTION

Ipravent should be kept in the original container, in a safe place and out of reach of children. A locked cupboard at least one and a half metres above the ground is a good place to store medicines.

Do not store Ipravent or any other medicine in the bathroom or near a sink. Do not leave Ipravent in the car or on window-sills. Heat and dampness can destroy some medicines.

Store Ipravent bottles upright, below 30°C. Unused portion should be discarded after 28 days. The expiry date is stated on the package after the word EXP.

Disposal

If your doctor tells you to stop using Ipravent or the solution has passed its expiry date, ask your pharmacist what to do with any that is left over.

Product Description

What it looks like

Ipravent solution is a clear, colourless to almost colourless solution supplied in a 20mL multidose amber glass bottle.

Ipravent is identified by an Australian Registration Number which is found on the packaging:
AUST R 90060 Ipravent Inhalation Solution 5mg in 20mL (multidose) bottle (6s)

Ingredients

Ipravent solution in the multidose bottle contains ipratropium bromide monohydrate 261µg/mL equivalent to 250µg ipratropium bromide (anhydrous), Sodium Chloride BP, Benzalkonium Chloride BP, Disodium Edetate BP and Water for Injections BP.

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