### Ephedrine

**Indication**
Cardiac complications of anaesthesia during labour or delivery  
ICD11 code: JB0C.2

**Medicine type**
Chemical agent

**List type**
Complementary

**Additional notes**
For use in spinal anaesthesia during delivery, to prevent hypotension.

**Formulations**
Parenteral > Locoregional injections > Spinal anaesthesia: 30 mg per mL in 1 mL ampoule (ephedrine hydrochloride)

**EML status history**
First added in 1997 (TRS 882)

**Sex**
All

**Age**
Adolescents and adults

**Therapeutic alternatives**
The recommendation is for this specific medicine

**Patent information**
Patents have expired in most jurisdictions  
[Read more about patents.](#)

**Wikipedia**
Ephedrine

**DrugBank**
Ephedrine

### Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations

Ephedrine, for use in spinal anaesthesia to prevent hypotension during delivery, was added to the complementary list of the EML in 1997.