

[Ephedrine](#)

Essential medicine status

Section:

[1. Anaesthetics, preoperative medicines and medical gases](#) [1.2. Local anaesthetics](#)

ATC codes: [C01CA26](#)

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

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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.