

PACKAGE LEAFLET:  
INFORMATION FOR THE USER

**Adenoscan® 30 mg/10 ml solution  
for infusion**

Adenosine

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 **If this leaflet is hard to see or read  
Phone 0845 372 7101 for help**

**Read all of this leaflet carefully before you are given this medicine because it contains important information for you.**

- Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.
- If you have any further questions, ask your doctor or nurse.
- If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor or nurse.
- This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. See section 4.

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**1. What Adenoscan is and what it is used for**




Adenoscan contains a medicine called adenosine. This belongs to a group of medicines called 'coronary vasodilators'.

This medicine is for diagnostic use only.

Adenoscan is used before a test called "myocardial perfusion imaging" to look at your heart. During this test you are given a medicine called a "radiopharmaceutical".


Adenoscan works by opening up your heart's blood vessels and allowing blood to flow more freely. This allows the "radiopharmaceutical" medicine to get into your heart. The doctor can see your heart and assess your heart condition. This procedure is used if you are not capable of exercise or if an exercise stress test is not possible.

**2. What you need to know before you are given Adenoscan**

 **Do not have this medicine and tell your doctor if:**

- × You are allergic to adenosine or any of the other ingredients of this medicine (listed in section 6). Signs of an allergic reaction include: a rash, swallowing or breathing problems, swelling of your lips, face, throat or tongue.
- × You have very low blood pressure (severe hypotension).
- × You have unstable angina which is not controlled by treatment with medicine.
- × You have asthma or any other severe breathing problem.
- × You are taking a medicine called dipyridamole used to thin the blood.
- × You have a type of heart failure where your heart is not pumping out enough blood.
- × You have problems with your heart rhythm and do not have a pace maker (second or third degree AtrioVentricular block, sick sinus syndrome).
- × You have been told you have 'Long QT syndrome'. This is a rare heart problem that can lead to a fast heart-beat and fainting.

Do not have this medicine if any of the above apply to you. If you are not sure, talk to your doctor or nurse before you are given Adenoscan.

 **Warnings and precautions  
Check with your doctor or nurse before you have Adenoscan if:**

- ▲ You have low blood volume (hypovolaemia) that is not adequately corrected by treatment with medicines.
- ▲ You have problems with a part of your nervous system called the 'autonomic nervous system'.
- ▲ You have narrowing of the main arteries in the neck (carotid artery). This means that not enough blood is getting to the brain (cerebrovascular insufficiency).
- ▲ You have or have ever had fits or convulsions.
- ▲ You have difficulty in breathing (bronchospasm).
- ▲ You have heart disease due to narrowing of your heart valves (stenotic valvular heart disease).

- ▲ You have inflammation of the membrane surrounding your heart (pericarditis) or a build-up of fluid around your heart (pericardial effusion).
- ▲ You have a left-right shunt in your heart. This will mean blood goes directly from the left side of your heart to the right side.
- ▲ You have narrowing of the left main artery supplying blood to your heart (left main coronary stenosis).
- ▲ You have had a recent heart attack, severe heart failure or you have had a heart transplant in the last year.
- ▲ You have an unusual heart rhythm. For example, your heartbeat is very fast or uneven (atrial fibrillation or atrial flutter) and in particular if you have an 'accessory conduction pathway'.
- ▲ You have any minor problem with your heart (first degree AtrioVentricular block or bundle branch block). These conditions may be temporarily aggravated when you are given Adenoscan.

Talk to your doctor immediately if:

- ▲ You experience signs of stroke. This may present itself as a sudden numb or weak feeling in the face, arms, or legs. Other signs include feeling confused, problems with sight, walking, coordination or balance, problems in saying words or slurring of speech.
- ▲ You experience signs of heart attack (myocardial infarction). Severe chest pain is the usual main symptom. The pain may also travel up into your jaw, and down your left arm, or down both arms. You may also sweat, feel sick, and feel faint. A small heart attack (myocardial infarction) occasionally happens without causing pain (a 'silent myocardial infarction'). It may be truly pain-free, or sometimes the pain is mild and you may think it is just heartburn or 'wind'.

If you are not sure if any of the above apply to you, talk to your doctor or nurse before being given Adenoscan

**Children and adolescents**

Adenoscan use in children and adolescents has not been sufficiently studied



**Other medicines and Adenoscan**

Please tell your doctor or nurse if you are taking, have recently taken or might take any other medicines. This includes medicines you buy without a prescription, including herbal medicines. This is because Adenoscan can affect the way some other medicines work. Also some medicines can affect the way Adenoscan works.

In particular, check with your doctor or nurse if you are taking any of the following:

- Dipyridamole (medicine used to thin the blood). Make sure your doctor knows you are taking dipyridamole. Your doctor may tell you to stop taking dipyridamole 24 hours before you are given Adenoscan or you may be given a much lower dose of Adenoscan.
- Aminophylline, theophylline or other xanthines (medicines used to help breathing). Your doctor may tell you to stop taking it 24 hours before you are given Adenoscan.

**Adenoscan with food and drink**

Food and drinks containing xanthines such as tea, coffee, chocolate and cola should be avoided for at least 12 hours before you are given Adenoscan.

**Pregnancy and breast-feeding**

Talk to your doctor or nurse before having this medicine if:

- You are pregnant, might become pregnant, or think that you may be pregnant. You should not be given Adenoscan unless clearly necessary.
- You are breast-feeding. You should not be given Adenoscan.

Ask your doctor or nurse for advice before taking any medicine if you are pregnant or breast-feeding.

**Adenoscan contains sodium** (34.5mg per infusion vial (10ml)). You may receive up to 0.99mg of sodium per kilogram of body weight. This should be taken into consideration by patients on a controlled sodium diet.

**3. How Adenoscan is given**

**How Adenoscan is given**

- Adenoscan is a medicine for use in hospitals.
- It will be given to you by a doctor or nurse as an injection. The injection will be into one of your veins and be given over a period of time (this is called an intravenous infusion).
- Your heart and blood pressure will be closely monitored.

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## How much Adenoscan is given

If you are not sure why you are being given Adenoscan or have any questions about how much Adenoscan is being given to you, speak to your doctor or nurse.

### Adults (including the elderly)

- The dose is calculated according to your weight.
- The usual dose is 140 micrograms per kilogram of body weight, per minute. This is given over a period of six minutes through an infusion pump (a slow injection into a vein).
- The dose of Adenoscan is not changed if you have liver or kidney problems.

### If you have more Adenoscan than you should

As this medicine is given to you by a doctor or nurse it is unlikely that you will be given too much. Your doctor will carefully work out how much Adenoscan you should be given.

If you have more of this medicine than you should, the following effects may happen:

- Very low blood pressure (severe hypotension)
- Slow heartbeat (bradycardia)
- A heart problem (asystole)

Your doctor will be monitoring your heart throughout the procedure.

As the length of time adenosine stays in the blood is very short, any side effects of too much Adenoscan would quickly stop when the infusion is stopped. Sometimes you may need an injection of a medicine called aminophylline or theophylline to help with any side effects



If you have any further questions on the use of this medicine, ask your doctor or nurse.

## 4. Possible side effects

Like all medicines, Adenoscan can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them. While you are being given Adenoscan you may have some of the following side effects:

### If any of the following side effects get worse, tell your doctor or nurse immediately and they will decide if you should continue the infusion or not:

The side effects normally settle within seconds or minutes after the infusion is finished but you should tell your doctor or nurse if any of them happen.

### Very common (may affect more than 1 in 10 people)

- Reddening of skin with a feeling of heat (flushing)
- Shortness of breath or the urge to breathe deeply (dyspnoea)
- Headache
- Chest pain or pressure on the chest
- Abdominal discomfort

### Common (may affect up to 1 in 10 people)

- Feeling dizzy or light-headed
- Unusual skin sensations such as numbness, tingling, prickling, burning or creeping on the skin (paraesthesia)
- Low blood pressure
- A heart problem called an AtrioVentricular block
- Fast or irregular heartbeat (disorders of cardiac rhythm)
- Dry mouth
- Discomfort in throat, jaw or neck

### Uncommon (may affect up to 1 in 100 people)

- Metallic taste in your mouth
- Sweating
- Discomfort in leg, arm or back
- Feeling of weakness or pain, or of general discomfort
- Feeling nervous
- Slow heartbeat (bradycardia)

### Rare (may affect up to 1 in 1000 people)

- Difficulty in breathing (bronchospasm)
- Blocked nose
- Feeling drowsy
- Blurred vision
- Ringing in the ear (tinnitus)
- Feeling a sudden need to urinate
- Nipple discomfort
- Tremors

### Very rare (may affect up to 1 in 10 000 people)

- Severe breathlessness or problems in breathing
- Redness, pain or swelling at the site of injection

## Other side effects (frequency cannot be estimated from the available data)

- Allergic reactions including swelling of the face or throat, and skin reactions such as hives or rash
- Severe heart problems which can be fatal (asystole) or uneven heartbeat
- Fits (convulsions)
- Fainting
- Stopping breathing (respiratory arrest)
- Feeling sick (nausea) or being sick (vomiting)

If any of the above side effects get worse, tell your doctor or nurse immediately and they will decide if you should continue the infusion or not. The side effects normally settle within seconds or minutes after the infusion is finished but you should tell your doctor or nurse if any of them happen.

## Reporting of side effects

If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor or nurse. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. You can also report side effects directly via the MHRA Yellow Card Scheme: [www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard](http://www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard) or search for MHRA Yellow Card in the Google Play or Apple App Store.

By reporting side effects you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

## 5. How to store Adenoscan

This medicine will be kept by your doctor or nurse or pharmacist in a safe place where children cannot see or reach it.

Adenoscan should not be used after the expiry date which is stated on the carton and on the label. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.

Do not refrigerate.

The medicine is for single use only and should be used straight away after opening. Any portion of the vial not used at once should be disposed of.

Adenoscan should not be used if your doctor or nurse notice any particles in the solution or any discolouration before they give you the medicine. If the appearance of the medicine has changed, the vial must be thrown away.

Do not throw away any medicines via wastewater or household waste. These measures will help protect the environment.

## 6. Contents of the pack and other information

### What Adenoscan contains

- The active substance is adenosine. Each 10ml vial of Adenoscan contains 30mg of adenosine (3mg per ml).
- The other ingredients are sodium chloride and sterile water for injections.

### What Adenoscan looks like and contents of the pack

Adenoscan is a clear, sterile, colourless solution for infusion.

Each pack contains 6 single use vials of 30mg/10ml.

### Marketing Authorisation Holder and Manufacturer

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