



Noradrenaline—Unlicensed Supply

National supplies of noradrenaline are being managed by the Commercial Medicines Unit due to increased demand during the Covid-19 pandemic.

BSUH has received imported stock from the U.S.

The product is named 'norepinephrine' rather than 'noradrenaline' which has some potential to cause confusion (see package labels below).

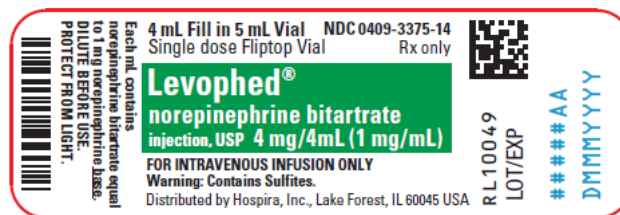
Information for:

- Prescribers ✓
- Pharmacy ✓
- Nurses ✓

4 mL 10 Single dose Fliptop Vials STERILE INJECTION NDC 0409-3375-04
 Contains 10 of NDC 0409-3375-14
Levophed® norepinephrine bitartrate injection, USP
4 mg/4 mL (1 mg/mL) Rx only

Warning: This is a potent drug. Dosage should be controlled by frequent determination of blood pressure. Do not leave patient unattended during administration. Avoid extravasation. Read package insert carefully. **FOR INTRAVENOUS INFUSION ONLY.**

DILUTE BEFORE USE. DISCARD UNUSED PORTION. PROTECT FROM LIGHT.
Warning: Contains Sulfites.



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IMMEDIATE ACTION

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This preparation contains sodium metabisulfite which is used extensively in many medicines but has been associated with hypersensitivity reactions such as bronchospasm and anaphylaxis.

This preparation is indicated in asthma but please note that allergy to sulphite antioxidants is estimated to occur in 5-10% of asthmatics.