

# **CICU**

# **Drug Handbook**

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## CARDIAC

### **Adrenaline**

**Continuous infusion:** IV/IO 0.01 - 0.5 mcg/kg/min

- Any dose >0.2mcg/kg/min to be discussed with ICU consultant
- Central access: (0.3 x BW) mg in 50ml → 1ml/hr = 0.1mcg/kg/min
- Max peripheral conc = 30mcg/ml

**Bolus (resus):** IV/IO 0.1ml/kg of 1:10,000

**Bolus (pre-arrest dose):** IV/IO 0.01ml/kg of 1:10,000  
[Max dose = 1mg/dose or 10ml/dose]

ETT 0.1ml/kg of 1:1000 (resus)  
[Max dose = 2.5mg/dose or 2.5ml/dose]

IM 0.01ml/kg of 1:1000 (anaphylaxis)  
[Max dose = 0.5mg/dose or 0.5ml/dose]

### **Adenosine**

**Bolus** (as per APLS): initial IV 0.1mg/kg (max 6mg/dose), if not effective, increase to 0.2mg/kg (max 12mg/dose)

### **Amiodarone:**

**Continuous infusion:** IV/IO 5 -15 mcg/kg/min

- Central access: (30 x BW) mg in 50ml → 1ml/hr = 10mcg/kg/min
- Max peripheral conc = 2000mcg/ml

**Slow bolus (loading):** 25 mcg/kg/min for 4 hours

**Fast bolus (pulseless VT/VF):** IV/IO 5mg/kg  
[Max dose = 300mg/dose]

### **Atropine**

**Bolus (bradycardia):** IV/IO 0.02mg/kg  
[Min dose = 0.1mg/dose; max dose = 0.6mg/dose]

ETT 0.04-0.06mg/kg/dose (may repeat once if needed)

### **Bosentan**

PO 1-2mg/kg/dose BD  
[Max dose = 125 mg/dose]

May be initiated at 0.5mg/kg/dose and uptitrated gradually as per hemodynamics and discussion with CVM

### **Bumetanide**

**Continuous IV infusion:** IV 1-10mcg/kg/hour

- Central access: (0.25 x BW) mg in 50ml → 1ml/hr = 5mcg/kg/hr
- Max peripheral conc = 250mcg/ml

PO 0.01 to 0.1 mg/kg/dose Q6-24H  
[Max dose: 10mg/day]

### **Captopril**

Infants: PO 0.3-3.5mg/kg/day Q6-12H  
Children: PO 0.9-3.9mg/kg/day Q8-12H  
[Max = 6mg/kg/day or 150mg/day]

Usually start at 0.1mg/kg/dose and up-titrate based on BP response and in discussion with CVM

Use with caution in renal failure and hyperK

### **Dopamine**

**Continuous infusion:** IV/IO 5-20 mcg/kg/min

- Central access: (30 x BW) mg in 50ml → 1ml/hr = 10mcg/kg/min
- Max peripheral conc = 3200mcg/ml

No bolus dosing

### **Dobutamine**

**Continuous infusion:** IV/IO 5-20 mcg/kg/min

- Standard dilution: 250mg in 50ml (5mg/ml)
- Max peripheral conc = 5mg/ml

No bolus dosing

### **Enalapril**

For heart failure/hypertension  
PO 0.1–0.5 mg/kg/day Q12H  
[Max dose = 1mg/kg/day or 40 mg/day]

### **Esmolol**

**Continuous infusion:** 50-500mcg/kg/min

- Peripheral/ central access = 10mg/ml (neat)

To check with ICU con if loading dose of 100-500mcg/kg over 1-2mins required before continuing infusion at IV 25-100mcg/kg/min (not commonly done)

### **Furosemide**

**Continuous infusion:** IV 0.1 - 0.5 mg/kg/hr

- Central/peripheral access: (10 x BW) mg in 50ml → 1ml/hr = 0.2mg/kg/hr
- Max conc (central/peripheral) = 10mg/ml

**Bolus:** 0.5-1mg/kg/dose Q6-8H  
[Max dose: 40mg/dose]

## GTN

**Continuous infusion:** IV 0.5 -10 mcg/kg/min

- Central access: (3 x BW) mg in 50ml → 1ml/hr = 1mcg/kg/min
- Max peripheral conc = 400mcg/ml

No bolus dosing

## Heparin (for shunt thrombosis)

### Bolus:

50-100 units/kg (shunt thrombosis)  
25-50 units/kg (ECMO initiation)

Max peripheral conc = 100units/ml

For infusions refer to KKH guidelines for anticoagulation therapy in children and ECMO/CRRT protocols

## Hydralazine

**Bolus** 0.1 to 0.5mg/kg/dose q4H-q6H  
[Max dose = 20mg/dose]  
Max conc (central/peripheral) = 1mg/ml

Not usually run as continuous infusion

## Hydrochlorothiazide

PO 1–2 mg/kg/day Q12–24H  
[Max total dose = 200 mg/day]

## Hydrocortisone (for catecholamine resistant shock)

**IV bolus** 100mg/m2/day Q6H  
[Max dose = 100mg/dose or 400mg/day]

## Iloprost

Inhalational 2.5 – 5 mcg x 6-9 times/day  
No oral or IV preparation

## Isoprenaline

**Continuous infusion:** IV 0.025 – 1mcg/kg/min

- Central access: (0.3 x BW) mg in 50ml → 1ml/hr = 0.1mcg/kg/min
- Max peripheral conc = 20mcg/ml

No bolus dosing

## Labetalol

**Continuous infusion:** IV 0.25 - 3 mg/kg/hr

- Central access (max conc): 5mg/ml (neat)
- Peripheral access (max conc) = 1mg/ml

**Bolus:** 0.2 to 1mg/kg/dose  
[Max dose = 40mg/dose]

## Levosimendan

**Continuous infusion:** Start at 0.1 mcg/kg/min

If tolerated for 6 hours, increase rate to 0.2 mcg/kg/min. If becomes tachycardic or hypotensive, reduce dose to 0.05 mcg/kg/min

- <15kg: dilute 2.5mg into 50ml D5% (50mcg/ml)
- ≥15kg: dilute 12.5mg into 250ml D5% (50mcg/ml)
- Max peripheral conc = 50mcg/ml

No bolus dosing

Refer to Annex A in the “Low Cardiac Output State and Pharmacological Support of Cardiovascular System” on Infopedia for full dilution guide

## Lignocaine

**Continuous infusion:** IV 20-50 mcg/kg/min

- Central access: (60 x BW)mg in 50ml → 1ml/hr = 20mcg/kg/min
- Max peripheral conc = 1000mcg/ml

**Bolus (pulseless VF/VT):** 1mg/kg  
[Max dose = 100mg/dose]

## Methylene Blue

(for refractory vasoplegia)

Loading dose: IV 1-2mg/kg over 20 - 60mins

**Continuous infusion:** IV 0.25mg/kg/hr up to 1mg/kg/hr about 1-2 hrs after the loading dose

Central access is recommended due to the risk of extravasation injury

## Milrinone

**Continuous infusion:** IV 0.3 - 1 mcg/kg/min

- Central access: (3 x BW) mg in 50ml → 1ml/hr = 1mcg/kg/min
- Max peripheral conc = 200mcg/ml

No bolus dosing

## Nicardipine

**Continuous infusion:** 0.5 to 5 mcg/kg/min

- Increase rate Q15-30mins
- Central access (max conc): 3.6mg/ml
- Peripheral access (max conc) = 0.1mg/ml

Bolus dosing available – to check with ICU con if needed

## Nifedipine

PO 0.25–0.5 mg/kg/dose Q6–8H (max 10mg/dose)  
[Max total dose = 3 mg/kg/day or 120 mg/day]

## Nitroprusside

**Continuous infusion:** IV 0.5-5 mcg/kg/min

- Central access: (3 x BW) mg in 50ml → 1ml/hr = 1mcg/kg/min
- Max peripheral conc = 200mcg/ml
- Watch for cyanide toxicity

No bolus dosing

## Noradrenaline

**Continuous infusion:** IV 0.05 – 0.5 mcg/kg/min

- Any dose >0.2mcg/kg/min to be discussed with ICU consultant
- Central access: (0.3 x BW) mg in 50ml → 1ml/hr = 0.1mcg/kg/min
- Max peripheral conc = 30mcg/ml

No bolus dosing

## Octreotide

*For chylothorax:*

Continuous infusion: IV 1-4 mcg/kg/hr

[Case reports of up to 5-10mcg/kg/hr – to discuss with ICU consultant]

*For variceal bleed*

Continuous infusion: IV 1-2 mcg/kg/hr

Max peripheral/central conc = 1mcg/ml

## Phentolamine

**Continuous infusion:** IV 0.5 - 6 mcg/kg/min

- Central/peripheral access: (3 x BW) mg in 50ml → 1ml/hr = 1mcg/kg/min
- Recommended conc: 1mg/ml (central/peripheral)
- Suggested frequency of titration: >1hour from prev dose change

No bolus dosing

## Phenylephrine

**Bolus (Tet spell):** 5 mcg/kg

**Bolus (hypotension):** 5-20mcg/kg/dose

[Max dose = 500mcg/dose]

**Continuous infusion:** Not usually done in our unit but recommended dosing range IV 0.1 - 0.5 mcg/kg/min

## PGE

**Continuous infusion:** IV 0.01 - 0.1 mcg/kg/min

- Central access: (30 x BW) mcg in 50ml → 1ml/hr = 0.01mcg/kg/min
- Max peripheral conc = 5mcg/ml

No bolus dosing

## Propranolol

**Slow bolus (SVT):** IV 0.01-0.15 mg/kg over 10min

[Max dose = 1mg/dose - infants, 3mg/dose - children]

Administer undiluted by slow IV injection/infusion over 10 minutes

PO 0.5-4mg/kg/day Q6-8H

[Max = 16mg/kg/day or 60mg/day]

## Sildenafil

PO 0.25-3mg/kg/dose Q6-8H

[Max dose = 40mg TDS (120mg/day)]

May be initiated at 0.1mg/kg/dose and up-titrated as guided by hemodynamics and in discussion with CVM

## Spironolactone

PO 1–6 mg/kg/day Q12–24H

[Max total dose = 400 mg/day]

## Tranexamic acid

**Continuous infusion:** IV 2.5-10mg/kg/hr

- Central access
  - ≤40kg: (50 x BW) in 20ml → 1ml/hr = 2.5 mg/kg/hr
  - >40kg: Give neat 100mg/ml
- Peripheral access [suggested conc] = 1mg/ml

**Bolus:** 10mg/kg Q8H

## Vasopressin

**Continuous infusion:** IV 0.02 - 0.06 unit/kg/hr

- Central access: 1unit/kg in 50ml → 1ml/hr = 0.02unit/kg/hr
- Peripheral access (max conc) = 1 unit/ml

No bolus dosing

[For DI dosing see below]

## RESPIRATORY

**Note: refer to orderset RES.Asthma.KKH**

\*Caution on route of administration

- *Inhalational* = for nebulised solutions (includes patients on NIV/tracheostomy/intubated)
- *Intra-tracheal* = direct instillation of medication into trachea

## Adrenaline (nebulised)

Dose: inhalational 0.5ml of adrenaline 1:1,000 with 3.5ml NaCl 0.9% Q4-6H

### **Aminophylline**

Loading dose: 5mg/kg in 50ml N/S over 20 mins  
Maintenance dose: 15-20mg/kg in N/S over 24h  
Weaning: Half rate, then off  
Max peripheral conc = 2.5mg/ml

### **Dexamethasone (for airway edema)**

Dose: IV 0.2mg/kg Q8H (3 doses)

### **Glycopyrrolate**

Starting dose: IV/PO 5-10mcg/kg/dose TDS  
Dose titration: Increase dose by 10mcg/kg/dose in weekly interval as tolerated, until desired effect is reached; watch for mucus plugging from thickened secretions  
[Max dose = 100mcg/kg/dose or 2mg TDS-QDS]

### **Hydrocortisone**

Dose: IV 4mg/kg/dose Q6H  
[Max dose = 100mg/dose or 400mg/day]  
For catecholamine resistant shock, refer to dosing above in Cardio section

### **Ipratropium MDI (20mcg)**

<10kg: 2 puffs/dose  
>10kg: 4 puffs/dose  
Frequency depending on severity

### **Ipratropium nebulizing solution (500mcg/2ml)**

<10kg: 0.25ml/dose  
10 – 20kg: 0.5ml/dose  
>20kg: 1ml/dose  
Frequency depending on severity

### **MgSO<sub>4</sub> for bronchospasm (please use orderset under RES.Asthma.KKH)**

Loading dose: 50mg/kg diluted in 100ml N/S over 30 mins [Max dose = 2g/dose]  
Maintenance dose: start at 20mg/kg/hr (range: 10 - 40mg/kg/hr) [Max daily dose: 40g/day]

Target serum magnesium: 1.5-2.5mmol/L  
Max peripheral conc = 200mg/ml

### **Prednisolone (for asthma exacerbation)**

PO 1-2mg/kg/day OD [Max dose = 40mg/day]

### **Salbutamol (MDI)**

0.3 puffs/kg/dose [max 10 puff/dose], frequency depending on severity

### **Salbutamol nebulizing solution**

0.1 - 0.15 mg/kg or 0.01 - 0.03 ml/kg, frequency depending on severity

### **Salbutamol (IV)**

Loading dose: 5 mcg/kg in 10ml of N/S over 10min (not always given)

Maintenance dose: 1 - 5 mcg/kg/min in 50ml NS

- Central access = (3 x BW) mg in 50ml → 1ml/hr = 1mcg/kg/min
- Max peripheral conc = 200mcg/ml

### **Surfactant**

Types available: Calfactant, Poractant alfa (Curosurf)  
Refer to "Neonatal Drug Dosing Booklet" on Infopedia for updated dosing for surfactant

## SEDATION/ANALGESIA/PARALYSIS

### **Chloral hydrate**

Procedural sedation  
PO 25-50 mg/kg/dose 30 minutes prior to procedure (max = 1000 mg/dose); may repeat after 30 minutes with 25-50 mg/kg/dose if necessary.  
[Max total dose = 100 mg/kg/procedure or 2000 mg/procedure]

Sedation  
PO 10-50 mg/kg/dose Q6-8H (max 500mg/dose)  
[Max total dose = 60mg/kg/day or 2000mg/day]

No IV formulation available

### **Clonidine (for sedation and hypertension)**

**Continuous infusion:** IV 0.3-2 mcg/kg/hr  
[Max = 9mcg/kg/hr for status dystonicus]

**IV intermittent:** 1-5 mcg/kg/dose over 15min Q4-8H

Oral  
PO clonidine 0.5-5 mcg/kg/dose Q4-12H  
[Max dose = 1200mcg/day for hypertension, can be higher for dystonia but no absolute max dose reported in literature]

### **Dexmedetomidine:**

**Continuous infusion:** IV 0.2 -1 mcg/kg/hr (can go up to 2mcg/kg/hr – to check with ICU con before any increment >1mcg/kg/hr)

- Standard dilution 200 mcg in 50ml
- Max peripheral conc = 4mcg/ml

No bolus dosing

## Fentanyl:

**Continuous infusion:** IV 1 - 5 mcg/kg/hr

- Central/peripheral access = 50mcg/kg in 50ml → 1ml/hr = 1 mcg/kg/hr
- Max central/peripheral conc = 50mcg/ml

**Bolus:** 2-5 mcg/kg/dose  
[Max dose = 10 mcg/kg]

*\*Caution: rapid boluses/high conc causes chest wall rigidity*

## Ketamine:

**Continuous infusion:** IV 5 - 20 mcg/kg/min

- Central access = 15mg/kg in 50ml → 1ml/hr = 5mcg/kg/min
- Max peripheral conc = 1000mcg/ml

**Bolus:** IV 1-2mg/kg (sedation)  
IM 3-5mg/kg/dose (sedation)  
Both IV/IM can repeat dose in 10min if inadequate sedation

## Midazolam

**Continuous infusion:** IV 1 - 4 mcg/kg/min (can go up to 24mcg/kg/min for status epilepticus – to check with ICU con before any increment >5mcg/kg/min)

- Central access = (3 x BW) mg in 50ml → 1ml/hr = 1mcg/kg/min
- Max peripheral conc = 1000mcg/ml

**Bolus:** IV 0.1 - 0.2mg/kg/dose (max total 10mg)

## Morphine

**Continuous infusion:** IV 5 - 40 mcg/kg/hr (to check with ICU con if any increment >40mcg/kg/hr reqd)

- Central access = 1mg/kg in 50ml → 1ml/hr = 20mcg/kg/hr
- Max peripheral conc = 1000mcg/ml

**Bolus:** IV/SC 0.05 – 0.2mg/kg/dose Q3-4H  
[Max dose = 10mg/dose paed, 0.1mg/kg/dose neonates]

Oral

PO morphine 0.2 – 0.5mg/kg/dose Q3-4H  
[Max dose = 20mg/dose]

## Oxycodone

PO oxycodone 0.1 – 0.2mg/kg/dose Q4-6H  
[Max dose = 10mg/dose]

## Propofol

**Continuous infusion:** IV 1-3 mg/kg/hr (sedation); 7-15mg/kg/hr (general anesthesia), 1.5-10mg/kg/hr (refractory status epilepticus)

- Central/peripheral access: run neat at 10mg/ml

**Bolus:** 1-2 mg/kg/dose (sedation)

## Rocuronium

Continuous infusion: 0.1 - 0.7mg/kg/hr

- Central access: 50mg/kg in 50ml → 1ml/hr = 1mg/kg/hr
- Max peripheral conc = 5mg/ml

Bolus: 0.6-1mg/kg then 0.15mg/kg boluses (repeat as needed)

## Succinylcholine / Suxamethonium

### Bolus

Initial stat dose: 1-2 mg/kg  
Maintenance: 0.3-0.6 mg/kg every 5-10 minutes as needed

Not usually run as continuous infusion

## ANTIDOTES

### Dantrolene

Refer to "Management of Malignant Hyperthermia and NMS in Paediatric Patients" document on Infopedia for latest dosing protocol

### Flumazenil

For benzodiazepine overdose  
IV 0.01mg/kg (max 0.2mg) q1min x 5  
[Max total cumulative dose: 0.05mg/kg or 1mg]

### N-Acetylcysteine

For paracetamol overdose  
1st dose: 200mg/kg over 4hrs  
2nd dose: 100mg/hr over 16hrs

Use order set "Acetylcysteine Injection - [Paracetamol Poisoning].KKH"

### Naloxone

Opioid overdose: IV/IO 0.01mg/kg/dose; repeat Q2-3min as required

Reversal of respiratory depression from therapeutic opioid dosing: IV/IO/IM/SC 0.001-0.02mg/kg/dose q2-3min (max dose 2mg/dose)

## NEURO

### *Hyperosmolar therapy*

#### **3% NaCl**

Dose:

- IV intermittent 2-5ml/kg over 10-20 min, repeated dosing may be required
- IV infusion 0.1-1ml/kg/hr
- Central venous line preferred due to high osmolarity and tonicity

[Up to limit of serum osm 360 mOsm/L and achieving Na targets for neuroprotection]

#### **20% Mannitol**

Dose: IV 0.5g-1/kg/dose over 30 min

[Up to limit of serum osm 320 mOsm/L]

*Cerebral Edema (role of steroids controversial – main indication: mass effect assoc with tumour)*

#### **IV Dexamethasone**

Dose: IV bolus 1mg/kg (max 10mg) stat, then 0.25mg/kg Q6H (max daily dose= 16mg/day)

### *Seizures*

#### **Levetiracetam (Keppra)**

Loading dose: IV 20- 60 mg/kg/dose

Maintenance dose: IV: 30–60mg/ kg/day BD

- Dilute in 100 mL NaCl 0.9% or D5%
- Recommended conc: 15 mg/mL
- Max concentration: 50 mg/mL

[Max daily dose = 3000mg/day]

Oral: Initiate at 20mg/kg/day BD

**MgSO<sub>4</sub>** (Refer to Magnesium Sulphate for Refractory Status Epilepticus protocol)

Loading: IV 50 mg/kg over 30 minutes [Max dose = 4g/dose]

Maintenance: 20 - 40mg/kg/hr

- Recommended maximum daily dose= 40g/day
- Max peripheral conc = 200mg/ml
- Target serum magnesium: 2-4 mmol/L

#### **Midazolam**

Continuous infusion: IV 1-4 mcg/kg/min (up to 24mcg/kg/min for status epilepticus)

- Central access: (3 x BW)mg in 50ml → 1ml/hr = 1mcg/kg/min
- Max peripheral conc = 1000mcg/ml

**Phenobarbitone:** (*in less than 1 year of age*)

Loading dose: IV 20mg/kg over 30 mins (Max: 1g/dose). May repeat another 5-10mg/kg/dose (Dilute 1:10 dilution with N/S)

Maintenance dose:

IV/PO 3-5 mg/kg/day in 1-2 divided doses

Dilute 1:10 dilution with NaCl 0.9% or WFI

Maximum concentration= 20mg/ml

#### **Phenytoin:**

Loading dose: IV 20 mg/kg/dose over 20 mins, give neat

- Max central/peripheral rate: 1 mg/kg/min
- Max dose: 1500mg

Maintenance dose:

IV/PO 3–10 mg/kg/day BD or TDS

IV may be diluted to 25 mL with NaCl 0.9%

Maximum peripheral conc = 50 mg/ml

#### **Thiopentone**

Continuous infusion: IV 1-5 mg/kg/hr

- Central access = 50mg/kg in 50ml → 1ml/hr = 1mg/kg/hr
- Max peripheral conc = 4mg/ml
- Check with ICU con if loading 10-30mg/kg over 1 hour required prior for barbiturate coma

Acute ICP increase: consider IV intermittent 1 - 2mg/kg/dose over 10min, repeat PRN

Central line is preferred for continuous infusion as drug is a vesicant.

Watch for hypoK when initiating and rebound hyperK when weaning.

## ENDOCRINE

#### **Desmopressin (for diabetes insipidus)**

PO DDAVP 25-500mcg Q8-12H

Intranasal DDAVP not available

#### **Vasopressin (for diabetes insipidus)**

Continuous infusion: IV 0.5 – 10 mU/kg/hr

- Standard dilution (central/peripheral access) = 10,000mU in 500ml N/S (20mU/ml)

#### **Hypoglycemia**

Bolus: IV 2-5ml/kg of D10%

Ensure adequate GIR

*GIR calculation: Rate (ml/hr) x Dextrosity (%) x 0.167 / Weight (Kg)*

#### **Insulin**

Continuous infusion: Insulin soluble (Actrapid) 50 units in 50ml NaCl 0.9%

- < 5 yo: 0.05 units/kg/hour
- ≥5yo: 0.1 units/kg/hour

#### **Steroid conversion**

Equivalent dose:

1mg Dexamethasone = 25mg Hydrocortisone

1mg Methylprednisolone = 5mg Hydrocortisone  
1mg Prednisolone = 4mg Hydrocortisone

## ELECTROLYTES

### Potassium

Deficit (mmol) =  $0.3 \times \text{Wt (kg)} \times (4 - \text{serum K})$  [half correction]

For correction of deficit:

- **Always opt for ORAL route first if no contraindications**
- **Fluid restricted patients (eg: post op cardiacs) with central line**  
Dilute 1:1 for central line intermittent infusion  
*\*Use order set C ICU.[Rx] Concentrated KCl infusion.KKH*
- **Non-fluid restricted patients or peripheral access only**  
Dilute 0.8:10 for intermittent infusion  
*\*Use order set PAM.[Rx] KCL Replacement(0.8:10)*

Maintenance: 2 – 5 mmol/kg/day

Rules for administration

- Max peripheral conc = 80 mmol/L
- Max central conc = 200 mmol/L
- Usual rate = 0.2 – 0.5 mmol/kg/hr
- Max rate 1 mmol/kg/hr or up to 40 mmol/hr (whichever lower)

Sources:

- IV: both 1ml = 1 mmol K+
  - Potassium Chloride 7.45% (KCl)
  - Potassium Dihydrogen Phosphate (KH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>)
- PO:
  - Mist KCl: 1.34mmol/ml
  - Span K: 600mg KCl = 8mmol/tab

### Sodium

Na deficit (mmol) =  $0.6 \times \text{BW (kg)} \times [135 - (\text{current Na})]$

Emergency correction: 2-3ml/kg of 3% NaCl slow bolus over 20min (preferably central access or large peripheral vein) [max dose: 150ml/dose]  
*[main indication for severe symptomatic hyponatremia eg seizures; beware of central pontine myelinolysis with rapid Na correction]*

Maintenance: 1 – 4 mmol/kg/day

Rules for administration:

- Max 100 – 150 mmol/day
- Max peripheral conc = 0.9% (0.15mmol/mL)
- Max central conc = 0.5 mmol/mL
- Max rate = 1 mmol/kg/hr

Sources:

- 0.9% NaCl – 1ml = 0.15 mmol Na
- 3% NaCl – 1 ml = 0.51 mmol Na
- 20% NaCl – 1ml = 3.4 mmol Na

### Sodium bicarbonate 8.4%

For resus

IV/IO bolus 1ml/kg of 8.4% NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (can be given undiluted)

For non-resus correction of metabolic acidosis

- Calculate deficit HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> deficit (mmol/L) =  $0.3 \times \text{weight (kg)} \times \text{base deficit (mmol/L)}$
- Max rate 1 mmol/kg/hr
- Recommended dilution:
  - Neonate and Infant < 1yo
    - Dilute 1:1 in WFI
    - Max peripheral/central line conc = 0.5mmol/ml (4.2% NaHCO<sub>3</sub>)
  - Children ≥ 1yo and Adult
    - Max peripheral line conc = 0.5mmol/ml (4.2% NaHCO<sub>3</sub>)
    - Concentration >0.5mmol/ml (8.4% NaHCO<sub>3</sub>) should be run via central line

### Calcium

Corrected Ca (mmol/L):  $\text{Total Ca (mmol/L)} + [0.02 \times (40 - \text{Alb (g/L)})]$

Maintenance: 0.5-1 mmol/kg/day

PO replacement:

Neonate: 50-75mg/kg/day elemental calcium in 4-6 doses

Child: 30-75mg/kg/day elemental calcium in 4 doses (max 1g/dose)

Adult: max 1200mg elemental calcium

IV replacement: (preferably via central unless emergency situation then large peripheral vein)

- 10% CaCl<sub>2</sub>: 0.2 ml/kg slow bolus (max 10ml)
- 10% Ca gluconate: 0.5ml/kg slow bolus (max 10ml)
- 10% CaCl<sub>2</sub> continuous: run neat 7.2ml over 24hrs  
→ start at 0.3ml/hr

Preparation:

- Calcium Lactogluconate Syrup = elemental Ca 300mg/15mL
- Calcium Carb 450mg, Vitamin D 200unit Tablet = elemental Calcium 180mg/tab



- Calcium Carbonate 625mg = elemental Calcium 250mg/tab
- Caltrate tablet = elemental calcium 600mg/tab
- Calcium Acetate 667mg Tablet = elemental Calcium 168.8mg/tab (for phosphate binding)
- Ca gluconate 10%: 0.23mmol/ml of Ca
- CaCl<sub>2</sub> 10%: 0.68mmol/ml of Ca

### **Magnesium**

Average deficit can be assumed to be 0.5-1mmol/kg

PO replacement:

10-20 mg/kg elemental Mg/dose QDS

IV intermittent replacement (if Mg<0.5):

49.3% MgSO<sub>4</sub> 0.2ml/kg/dose (max 4ml)

Max conc 200 mg/ml (0.8mmol/ml)

Max rate 12.5mg/kg/hr or 0.05 mmol/kg/hr

[Note: 0.2ml MgSO<sub>4</sub> 49.3% = 0.4mmol = 98.6mg]

Preparations:

- Magnesium (elemental) tablet: 250mg (10mmol)
- Magnesium (elemental) effervescent tablet: 240mg
- 49.3% MgSO<sub>4</sub>=2mmol/ml

### **Phosphate**

Maintenance 0.5-1.5mmol/kg/day

PO replacement: 2-3mmol/kg/day

IV replacement: 0.1-0.3mmol/kg/day

IV: Max concentration

Peripheral – 0.08mmol/ml

Central – 0.18mmol/ml

Max rate 0.2mmol/kg/hr

Preparations:

- PO Sodium Phosphate solution = 0.52mmol/ml of PO<sub>4</sub>
- PO Sodium phosphate tablet: 1 tablet = 16.1mmol of PO<sub>4</sub> = 500mg phosphorus (also has Na 20.4mmol; K 3.1mmol)
- IV Na<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> = 1mmol/ml of PO<sub>4</sub>
- IV/PO KH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> = 1mmol/ml of PO<sub>4</sub>

### **NOTE**

Electrolyte preparation rules:

- Calcium salts are not compatible with phosphate salts
- Mg Sulphate is not compatible with CaCl