

DIAZEPAM (Diazemuls®)

DO NOT USE DIAZEPAM FOR INJECTION (it is an irritant preparation)

PRESENTATION: Ampoules containing a solution of 10mg in 2ml, 5mg/ml. (Diazemuls®)

INDICATION: Sedation, control of seizures, tetanus.

DOSE AND ADMINISTRATION: Diazemuls® may be administered by slow intravenous injection or by continuous infusion.

ICU STANDARD INFUSION

For continuous infusion 60mg Diazemuls® diluted to 60mls with glucose 5%.

5mls/hour initially titrated to effect.

Maximum dose depends on indication.

Status epilepticus: maximum 3mg/kg over 24 hours. Tetanus: maximum 10mg/kg over 24 hours.

BOLUS ADMINISTRATION

Bolus doses should be given at a maximum rate of 5mg/minute and can be given undiluted. If dilution is required to give bolus doses dilute 5mg of Diazemuls® to 5ml with glucose 5%..

CONCENTRATION: Infusion 1mg/ml
Boluses: undiluted or diluted to 1mg/ml.

STABILITY: Physically and chemically stable for 24 hours at room temperature.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Physically and chemically stable for 24 hours undiluted, and 6 hours if diluted.

References

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