Critical Care Guidelines FOR CRITICAL CARE USE ONLY



PANCURONIUM

PRESENTATION:	Ampoules containing 4mg/2ml
INDICATION:	Muscle relaxation.
	Non-depolarising neuromuscular blocking agent with a long duration of action.
DOSE AND ADMINISTRATION:	Initial dose: 60microgram/kg by IV injection over 3-5 minutes (Note please use ideal body weight).
	Additional doses of 20-30microgram/kg can be given 1 - 1 ½ hourly if required.
	Ideally administer via CVC or a large peripheral vein due to risk of venous irritation caused by low pH.
	Can be given undiluted or in sodium chloride 0.9% or glucose 5% for ease of administration.
CONCENTRATION:	2mg/ml
STABILITY:	Physically and chemically stable for 24hours.
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:	In common with all neuromuscular blocking agents, monitoring of neuromuscular function using train-of-four peripheral nerve stimulation, is recommended during the use of pancuronium in order to individualise dosage requirements.

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