

Flumazenil

FORM Amp containing 500microgram in 5ml

INDICATION Reversal of benzodiazepine induced sedation

DOSE RANGE

AGE	DOSE	FREQUENCY	ROUTE
Neonate	10microgram/kg	Initial dose. Repeat at 1 minute intervals if required. (Question aetiology if no response to repeated injection.) Maximum total dose 40 microgram/kg.	IV
Neonate	2 - 10 microgram/kg/hour	If drowsiness recurs after the I.V. bolus dose(s) then an infusion may be given. This should be individually adjusted to achieve the desired level of arousal.	IV infusion
1 – 6months	10microgram/kg (max single dose 200microgram)	Initial dose. Repeat at 1 minute intervals if required. (Question aetiology if no response to repeated injection.) Maximum total dose 40microgram/kg (1mg) (2mg in intensive care)	IV
1 – 6months	2 – 10 microgram/kg/hour	If drowsiness recurs after the I.V. bolus dose(s) then an infusion may be given. This should be individually adjusted to achieve the desired level of arousal. Maximum 400microgram/hr.	IV infusion

PRESCRIPTION OF CONTINUOUS INFUSION

500micrograms/kg of flumazenil in 50ml infusion fluid

This gives:-

- 2micrograms/kg/hr at 0.2ml/hr
- 10 microgram/kg/hour at 1ml/hour

RECONSTITUTION

Not required

DILUTION

For continuous Infusion

Using 500 microgram/5ml injection

5 x wt (kg) is the number of ml of 500 microgram/5ml injection to be diluted up to 50ml total with infusion fluid (equivalent to **500microgram/kg in 50ml**)

For slow IV injection

Flumazenil 500microgram in 5ml inj	2ml
Sodium Chloride 0.9% inj.	up to 4ml total

Gives a 50 microgram in 1ml solution. Use the required volume.

METHOD OF ADMINISTRATION

For continuous infusion

By continuous intravenous infusion, flow rate adjusted according to the baby's response (see prescription section for details).

For IV injection

By IV injection over 15 seconds.

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COMPATIBILITY

Solution compatibility	Glucose 5%. Sodium chloride 0.9%.
Solution incompatibility	All other IV fluids.
IV Line compatibility	No other drugs.
IV Line incompatibility	All other drugs.

THIS LIST IS NOT EXHAUSTIVE PLEASE CONTACT PHARMACY FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON COMPATIBILITY WITH ANY MEDICINES NOT INCLUDED

CAUTIONS, CONTRA-INDICATIONS AND SIDE EFFECTS

See Summary of Product Characteristics and most recent edition of BNF for Children (links below)

FURTHER INFORMATION

- The half life of flumazenil is very short (40 to 80 minutes) and is shorter than the half life of midazolam or diazepam. An infusion of flumazenil may be necessary if drowsiness returns after single doses.
- Contraindicated in patients who have been given a benzodiazepine for control of a potentially life-threatening condition e.g. status epilepticus.

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Consult local policy if applicable

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Administer reconstituted solutions immediately.

All vials, ampoules and infusion bags are for single use only unless otherwise stated.

Dose may vary depending on indication, age, renal function, hepatic function, and concomitant medications. This monograph should be used in conjunction with the package insert, BNF for Children, and Summary of Product Characteristics. For further advice contact your clinical pharmacist or pharmacy department.