

# Levothyroxine

**FORM** Vial containing 500 micrograms levothyroxine powder for reconstitution (L-Thyroxine sodium 514 microgram)

**INDICATION** Treatment of congenital hypothyroidism where patient is Nil By Mouth

**DOSE RANGE**

AGE	DOSE	FREQUENCY	ROUTE
Neonate with birth weight < 2.5 kg	Initially 10-15 micrograms/kg.	Once daily	IV
Neonate with birth weight ≥ 2.5 kg	Initially 50 microgram	Once daily	IV
	Then as directed by Endocrine consultant		
1 month – 6 months	Initially 5micrograms/kg (Max dose 50micrograms) Then as directed by Endocrine consultant	Once daily	IV

**RECONSTITUTION** Reconstitute the lyophilized Levothyroxine Sodium powder by aseptically adding the 5mL of water for injection (contained within the box). This gives a 500microgram/5mL levothyroxine solution for injection. Shake vial to ensure complete mixing.

**DILUTION**

Not required.

To give:

- 50micrograms in 0.5ml
- 25micrograms in 0.25ml
- 10micrograms in 0.1ml

**METHOD OF ADMINISTRATION**

Slow IV injection over 5 minutes

**COMPATIBILITY**

<b>Solution compatibility</b>	
<b>Solution incompatibility</b>	Do not administer with any other IV fluids
<b>IV Line compatibility</b>	
<b>IV Line incompatibility</b>	Do not add to any other IV fluids

**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)

**SPECIAL MONITORING REQUIREMENTS**

When switching from oral to IV therapy Thyroid Function tests should be carried out after four days to determine if levels have altered.

**FURTHER INFORMATION**

Concurrent administration of phenytoin to babies on thyroid hormones may induce SVT.

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Levothyroxine may increase requirements for hypoglycaemic drugs and insulin.

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LINKS                            [BNF for Children](#) / [Electronic Medicines Compendium](#)

APPLICABLE POLICIES        [West of Scotland Neonatal Guidelines](#):

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.