

## Flecainide

<b>Indication</b>	Atrial and ventricular tachycardias; AF cardioversion																				
<b>Dose</b>	<p><b>See additional information for renal / hepatic / drug interaction doses.</b></p> <p><b>Loading dose</b> 2mg/kg (actual body weight) up to maximum 150mg</p> <p><b>Maintenance Infusion (Not always required)</b> 1.5mg/kg over 1 hour then 0.1-0.25mg/kg/hour thereafter</p> <p><b>Maximum dose in the first 24 hours is 600mg - infusion not generally continued after 24 hours</b></p>																				
<b>Preparation</b>	<p>Flecainide ampoules contain 150mg in 15ml (10mg/ml)</p> <p><b>Loading dose</b> 1. Draw up required dose. 2. Add to 100ml bag of glucose 5%*</p> <p><b>Maintenance Infusion</b> Dilute to convenient volume, suggested dilution is 1mg in 1ml.</p> <p>*Flecainide may be prepared in sodium chloride 0.9%, however, a minimum of 500ml must be used to avoid precipitation.</p>																				
<b>Administration</b>	<p><b>Loading dose</b> Should be given over at least 10 minutes. In practice it is routinely given over 30 minutes.</p> <p><b>Maintenance infusion</b> Continuous as above</p>																				
<b>Shelf-life</b>	24hours at room temperature																				
<b>Additional information</b>	<p><b>Doses of flecainide should be halved in patients with CrCl &lt;35ml/min and patients receiving amiodarone. Avoid or reduce dose in severe liver disease.</b></p> <p>Digoxin levels may be increased by 15% for digitalised patients, consider checking digoxin plasma level 6hrs post digoxin dose.</p> <p>Cardiac monitoring is advised during flecainide therapy.</p> <p>In usual practice only the loading dose is required to cardiovert AF to sinus rhythm.</p>																				
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