

MILRINONE

Indication	<p>Short-term treatment of congestive heart failure unresponsive to conventional maintenance therapy</p> <p>Acute heart failure including low-output states following cardiac surgery</p>
Dose	<p>Loading dose: 50microgram/kg administered over a period of 10 minutes</p> <p>Continuous infusion: Titrate dosage between 0.375 microgram /kg/min and 0.75 microgram /kg/min according to haemodynamic and clinical response but should not exceed 1.13mg/kg/day total dose</p> <p>****DOSES ARE BASED ON ACTUAL BODY WEIGHT UPTO A MAXIMUM OF 120KG ****</p>
Preparation	<p>Infusion solutions should be freshly prepared before each use. The infusion should be examined visually, and it should not be used if there is any particulate contamination or discolouration.</p> <p><u>200micrograms/ml solution</u></p> <p>Take the contents of a 10ml ampoule of milrinone 10mg in 10ml and add 40ml of one of the compatible diluent fluids (see section below) to create a 200micrograms/ml solution.</p> <p><u>400micrograms/ml solution</u></p> <p>Take the contents of 2 x 10ml ampoules of milrinone 10mg in 10ml and add 30ml of one of the compatible diluent fluids (see section below) to create a 400micrograms/ml solution.</p>
Administration	<p>Administer via a CENTRAL VENOUS ACCESS DEVICE to avoid potential venous irritation as the infusion has a low ph.</p> <p>For detailed dosing information see appendix 1</p>
Shelf-life	Use Immediately
Common Compatibility Issues	Compatible with sodium chloride 0.9%, glucose 5%, sodium chloride 0.45%.
Additional information	<p>Fluid Restricted Patients</p> <p>See appendix 1, table 2 for dosing information in fluid restricted patients</p>

Sample Label	DRUGS ADDED TO THIS INFUSION			
	PATIENT <i>A. Patient (A. Number)</i>			WARD <i>ICU</i>
	DRUG <i>Milrinone</i>	AMOUNT <i>10mg in 50mL (200mcg/mL)</i>	ADDED BY	CHECKED BY
	DATE ADDED TIME ADDED	EXP. DATE EXP. TIME	BATCH No.	
	DISCONTINUE IF CLOUDINESS OR PRECIPITATE DEVELOPS			

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APPENDIX 1: DOSING TABLES

Dose body weight (microgram/ kg/minute)	Table 1. Using a 10mg in 50mL (200micrograms in 1mL) milrinone solution the following specifies the infusion rate (mL per hour) required for different doses and patient weights								
	40kg	50kg	60kg	70kg	80kg	90kg	100kg	110kg	120kg
0.375	4.5 mL/hr	5.6 mL/hr	6.8 mL/hr	7.9 mL/hr	9mL/hr	10.1mL/hr	11.3mL/hr	12.4mL/hr	13.5mL/hr
0.400	4.8mL/hr	6 mL/hr	7.2 mL/hr	8.4mL/hr	9.6mL/hr	10.8mL/hr	12mL/hr	13.2mL/hr	14.4mL/hr
0.500	6 mL/hr	7.5 mL/hr	9 mL/hr	10.5mL/hr	12mL/hr	12mL/hr	15mL/hr	16.5mL/hr	18mL/hr
0.600	7.2 mL/hr	9 mL/hr	10.8 mL/hr	12.6mL/hr	14.4mL/hr	16.2mL/hr	18mL/hr	19.8mL/hr	21.6 mL/hr
0.700	8.4 mL/hr	10.5 mL/hr	12.6 mL/hr	14.7mL/hr	16.8mL/hr	18.9mL/hr	21mL/hr	23.1mL/hr	25.2mL/hr
0.750	9 mL/hr	11.3 mL/hr	13.5 mL/hr	15.8mL/hr	18mL/hr	20.2mL/hr	22.5mL/hr	24.8mL/hr	27mL/hr

Dose body weight (microgram/ kg/minute)	Table 2. Using a 20mg in 50mL (400micrograms in 1mL) milrinone solution the following specifies the infusion rate (mL per hour) required for different doses and patient weights FOR FLUID RESTRICTED PATIENTS ONLY								
	40kg	50kg	60kg	70kg	80kg	90kg	100kg	110kg	120kg
0.375	2.3mL/hr	2.8ml/hr	3.4mL/hr	3.9ml/hr	4.5mL/hr	5.1ml/hr	5.6mL/hr	6.2ml/hr	6.8mL/hr
0.400	2.4mL/hr	3ml/hr	3.6mL/hr	4.2ml/hr	4.8mL/hr	5.4ml/hr	6mL/hr	6.6ml/hr	7.2mL/hr
0.500	3mL/hr	3.8ml/hr	4.5mL/hr	5.3ml/hr	6mL/hr	6.8ml/hr	7.5mL/hr	8.3ml/hr	9mL/hr
0.600	3.6mL/hr	4.5ml/hr	5.4mL/hr	6.3ml/hr	7.2mL/hr	8.1ml/hr	9mL/hr	9.9ml/hr	10.8mL/hr
0.700	4.2mL/hr	5.3ml/hrr	6.3mL/hr	7.4ml/hr	8.4mL/hr	9.5ml/hr	10.5mL/hr	11.5ml/hr	12.6mL/hr
0.750	4.5mL/hr	5.6ml/hr	6.8mL/hr	7.9ml/hr	9mL/hr	10.2ml/hr	11.3mL/hr	12.3ml/hr	13.5mL/hr