

## Furosemide

<b>Indication</b>	Oedema e.g. due to heart failure or earlier aggressive fluid resuscitation.																				
<b>Dose</b>	<p><b>Stat/Bolus</b> Initially 20-40mg up to TDS. Doses over 80mg must be given by infusion.</p> <p><b>Continuous Infusion</b> 0 - 20mg/hr titrated to urine output</p>																				
<b>Preparation</b>	<p><b>Stat/Bolus Doses &lt; 80mg</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Draw up required dose into a syringe using a filter needle</li> <li>2. For ease of administration, a dilution up to 20mL with sodium chloride 0.9% can be undertaken if required.</li> </ol> <p><b>Slow infusion doses &gt; 80mg</b> Draw up the required dose into a syringe using a filter needle.</p> <p><b>Continuous Infusion</b> Draw up the required amount of Furosemide into an appropriate sized syringe using a filter needle.</p>																				
<b>Administration</b>	<p>Given via a peripheral or central line</p> <p><b>Stat/Bolus Doses &lt;80mg</b> Given as a slow bolus over 1-2 minutes</p> <p><b>Stat/Bolus Doses &gt; 80mg &amp; Continuous Infusion</b> Given as slow infusion at a rate not exceeding 4mg/minute</p>																				
<b>Shelf-life</b>	Shelf life 24 hours at room temperature																				
<b>Additional information</b>	<p>If given too fast furosemide can cause nephrotoxicity and ototoxicity</p> <p>Electrolytes should be closely monitored as hypokalaemia and hyponatraemia can occur.</p> <p>Bolus doses may be diluted in 50ml sodium chloride 0.9% for ease of administration.</p>																				
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