





ADULT

FUROSEMIDE (FRUSEMIDE)

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Presentation	Ampoule: 20mg/2mL, : 250mg/25mL Tablet: 40mg, 500mg Oral Suspension: 10mg/mL (100mL) (Ethanol Free: KEMH Only)
Dose	<u>Acute Cardiac Failure in Obstetrics</u> Refer to Clinical Practice Guideline: Cardiac Disease <u>Oedema</u> Oral, initially 20–40 mg once or twice daily, adjusted according to clinical response to maintenance dose of 20–400 mg daily. Maximum dose 1 g daily. IV/IM, 20–40 mg; repeat at intervals of at least 2 hours until the desired diuretic effect is obtained (increase dose by 20 mg each time if necessary). <u>Hypercalcaemia</u> IV 80–100 mg every 1–2 hours.
Administration	Oral: usually taken in the morning. If twice a day dosing, take the first dose in the morning and the second dose at lunchtime. IM injection: Suitable, however IV route preferred. Inject undiluted. SUBCUT injection: Suitable in palliative care patients as an intermittent injection or as a continuous subcutaneous infusion. IV injection: Inject doses up to and including 80 mg slowly over 3 to 5 minutes. IV infusion: Dilute with a compatible fluid to a concentration of 1 mg/mL whenever possible and infuse at a maximum rate of 4 mg/minute. More concentrated solutions or the undiluted solution may be infused in fluid-restricted patients. Compatible fluids: Glucose 5%, Hartmann's, sodium chloride 0.9%
Pregnancy	1st Trimester: Consider alternative 2nd Trimester: Consider alternative 3rd Trimester: Consider alternative Contact the Obstetric Medicines Information Service (08 6458 2723) for more information.
Breastfeeding	Consider alternative Furosemide may reduce milk supply

Monitoring	Monitor weight and electrolytes.
Clinical Guidelines and Policies	<p>Clinical Practice Guidelines</p> <p>Cardiac Disease</p> <p>Medication Safety – Intravenous Medications</p> <p>WNHS Policies</p> <p>Parenteral Drugs (Administration Of)</p>
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