

Benzylpenicillin

This is a PENICILLIN

Form:	600mg vial
Reconstitution:	<u>Intravenous</u> Add 4 - 10ml WFI or sodium chloride 0.9% to each 600mg vial. <u>Intramuscular</u> Add 1.6 - 2ml WFI to each 600mg vial. Use reconstituted vial immediately.
Administration Method:	<u>IV Injection</u> Administer each 600mg vial by IV injection over at least 2 minutes (not faster than 300mg/min). <u>IV Infusion</u> After reconstitution, dilute total dose with 100ml infusion fluid and infuse over 30 - 60 minutes. <u>IM Injection</u> Maximum 1.2g as single dose.
Compatibility & Stability:	Sodium Chloride 0.9% Glucose 5%
Special Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• One mega unit = 600mg.• For high doses ($\geq 50\text{mg/kg}$) give slowly, taking at least one minute for each 300mg to avoid high levels causing irritation of the central nervous system and/or electrolyte imbalance from sodium content.

Information provided relates to Crystapen[®] manufactured by Genus Pharmaceuticals.

This information has been summarised to act as a guide for those administering IV medication. The monograph should be used in conjunction with the drug data sheet and BNF for information on dose, adverse effects, cautions and contra-indications. Further information is available from Pharmacy on 22146 or 22542