

Dexamethasone Sodium Phosphate

Form:	8mg per 2ml vial (contains 8mg Dexamethasone Sodium Phosphate, equivalent to 6.6mg Dexamethasone Base)
Reconstitution:	Already in solution
Administration Method:	<p><u>Slow IV Injection</u> Give over a minimum of 3 minutes. May be diluted further to facilitate slow administration.</p> <p><u>IV Infusion</u> Add the required dose to 100mls of compatible infusion fluid and administer over 15 minutes.</p> <p><u>IM Injection</u> Administer the required dose by deep IM injection into the gluteal muscle.</p>
Compatibility & Stability:	Sodium Chloride 0.9% Glucose 5%
Special Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only use if solution is clear and free of particles. • Rapid IV injection of large doses of dexamethasone may cause cardiovascular collapse, so administer slowly.

Information provided relates to Dexamethasone Sodium Phosphate manufactured by Wockhardt or Hospira.

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