

Sodium Valproate

Form:	400mg dry powder vial & 4ml solvent
Reconstitution:	Add 4ml WFI provided to give a 100mg/ml solution. Solution should be used immediately.
Administration Method:	<p><u>IV Injection</u> Give up to 10mg/kg slowly over 3 to 5 minutes.</p> <p><u>Intermittent infusion</u> After reconstitution as above, dilute with at least 50ml of compatible fluid and administer over 60 minutes. Infusion rate should not exceed 20mg/minute. Maximum dose 2.5g in 24 hours.</p>
Extravasation	Tissue injury due to extravasation is unlikely due to the near neutral pH but may cause tissue damage when given as an IV injection at doses greater than 600mg due to high osmolality.
Compatibility & Stability:	Sodium Chloride 0.9% Glucose 5%
Special Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not infuse with other medicines. • Intravenous dose is the same as the oral dose.

Information provided relates to Epilim[®] manufactured by Sanofi.

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