

Vancomycin

Form:	500mg and 1g vials
Reconstitution:	Add 10ml WFI to 500mg vial Add 20ml WFI to 1g vial Further dilution essential before administration.
Administration Method:	<u>IV Infusion</u> After reconstitution as above, dilute each 500mg with at least 100ml compatible infusion fluid, and infuse at a rate not exceeding 10mg/min.
Extravasation	Vancomycin is very irritant to tissue and may cause necrosis if extravasation occurs.
Compatibility & Stability:	Sodium Chloride 0.9% Glucose 5%
Special Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To avoid 'red man' syndrome vancomycin should be administered at a maximum rate of 10mg/min. • Vancomycin blood level monitoring is required to ensure efficacy and minimise toxicity. Refer to CUH Antimicrobial guidelines or NCHD.ie app for further guidance.

Information provided relates to Vancocin[®] manufactured by Flynn Pharma, and Vancomycin manufactured by Gerard and Vancomycin manufactured by Pfizer.

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