

Amoxicillin

This is a PENICILLIN	
Form	500mg vial
Reconstitution	Intravenous Add 10mL WFI to 500mg vial and shake vigorously.
	Intramuscular Add 2.5mL WFI to 500mg vial and shake vigorously.
	Reconstituted vials should be used immediately.
	 Reconstituted solutions are normally a pale straw colour; however, a transient pink colour or slight opalescence may appear during reconstitution.
Compatibility & Stability	Sodium Chloride 0.9% (preferred fluid) – stable for 4 hours. Glucose 5% - stable for 20 mins.
	From a microbiological point of view, should be used immediately
Administration	<u>IV Injection</u> : for doses less than or equal to 1g Give slowly over 3 - 4 minutes.
	<u>Intermittent IV Infusion:</u> for doses less than or equal to 2g Dilute reconstituted vial to a volume of 50 - 100mL and give over 30 - 60 minutes. Preferably administer via a central venous access device to avoid potential venous irritation. If given peripherally, choose a large vein and monitor the injection site closely.
	IM Injection Do not inject more than 1 g of amoxicillin IM at one time.
Extravasation	Amoxicillin has a high pH and may cause venous irritation and tissue damage in cases of extravasation
Additional Information	 Monitor for convulsions in patients with impaired renal function or receiving high doses. Avoid skin contact as may cause sensitisation.

Information provided relates to Amoxil® manufactured by GlaxoSmithKline.