

Clarithromycin

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| Form & Storage | 500mg dry powder vial | Store vials in original container to protect from light. |
| Reconstitution | Add 10mL WFI to 500mg vial. Dilute further before administration. | |
| Compatibility & Stability | Sodium Chloride 0.9% Glucose 5% <u>From a microbiological point of view, should be used immediately;</u> however: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reconstituted vials may be stored at 2–8°C for 24 hours. • Prepared infusions (2 mg/mL) may be stored at 2–8°C and infused (at room temperature) within 24 hours. | |
| Administration | <u>IV Infusion (ONLY)</u> Add 10mL from reconstituted 500mg vial to 250mL of compatible infusion fluid to give a concentration of approximately 2mg/mL. Give over at least 60 minutes via large proximal vein. 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. | |
| Extravasation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extravasation may cause tissue damage. • Monitor injection site for inflammation or phlebitis. | |
| Additional Information | Clarithromycin has excellent oral bioavailability. Consider IV to oral switch, if appropriate. See CUH Antimicrobial Guidelines on Eolas for further information. | |

Information provided relates to Clarithromycin manufactured by Amdipharm and Mylan.