

Clarithromycin

SALAD Clarithromycin and Clindamycin		
Form & Storage	500mg dry powder vial	Store vials in original container to protect from light. Store below 25°C
Reconstitution	Add 10mL WFI to 500mg vial. Shake until dissolved Dilute further before administration.	
Compatibility & Stability	Sodium Chloride 0.9% Glucose 5%	
Administration	IV Infusion ONLY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Fluid restriction Concentrations of up to 5mg in 1mL (500mg in 100mL) can be given via a central venous access device. (unlicensed) 	
Extravasation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extravasation may cause tissue damage due to low pH. • 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 (Amdipharm and Mylan)
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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