

Clonidine

Form	150 micrograms per 1mL ampoule
Reconstitution	 Already in solution Draw up using a 5 micron filter needle Use gloves when opening ampoules
Compatibility & Stability	Sodium Chloride 0.9% Glucose 5%
Administration	 <u>Slow IV Injection</u> Give by slow IV injection over 10 - 15 minutes. May be diluted to 10mL to facilitate slow administration. <u>Intermittent IV infusion</u> Dilute required dose in 50 - 100mL of compatible infusion fluid and administer over 15 minutes.
Notes	 Transient hypertension may precede hypotension if IV injection is given too rapidly. Monitor BP and pulse.

Information provided relates to Catapres[®] manufactured by Boehringer Ingelheim.

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