

Disodium Pamidronate

Caution: Administration differs depending on indication											
Form	3mg/mL Concentrate for solution for infusion 1 ampoule (10mL) contains 30mg disodium pamidronate										
Reconstitution	Already in solution Dilute further before administration										
Compatibility & Stability	Sodium Chloride 0.9% Glucose 5%										
Administration	<p>IV Infusion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Dilute with compatible fluid to a concentration not exceeding 90mg in 250mL. E.g. dilute 30-60mg in 250mL and 90mg in 500mL. ➤ In patients with multiple myeloma, tumour-induced hypercalcaemia and in those with established or suspected renal impairment, the infusion concentration should not exceed 90mg in 500mL ➤ Give through a large vein at a maximum rate of 60mg per hour. (1mg/minute). ➤ A single dose of 90mg is usually given over 2 hours. ➤ In patients with suspected or established renal failure, administer at a rate of not more than 20mg/hour. ➤ In patients with multiple myeloma and with tumour induced hypercalcaemia, it is recommended not to exceed 90mg in 500mL over 4 hours. <p>Tumour-induced hypercalcaemia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Patients should be rehydrated with sodium chloride 0.9% PRIOR to treatment ➤ The total dose per treatment course depends on the patient's initial serum calcium level <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin: 10px 0;"> <thead> <tr style="background-color: #d9e1f2;"> <th style="padding: 5px;">Corrected serum calcium (millimol/L)</th> <th style="padding: 5px;">Recommended total dose</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">< 3</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">15 - 30mg</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">3.0 - 3.5</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">30 - 60mg</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">3.5 - 4.0</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">60 - 90mg</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">Greater than 4.0</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">90mg</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The total dose may be administered either as a single infusion or in divided doses over two to four consecutive days ➤ The maximum dose per treatment course is 90mg for both initial and repeat courses <p>Osteolytic lesions and bone pain in bone metastases associated with breast cancer and multiple myeloma</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Give 90mg as a single dose, every four weeks 	Corrected serum calcium (millimol/L)	Recommended total dose	< 3	15 - 30mg	3.0 - 3.5	30 - 60mg	3.5 - 4.0	60 - 90mg	Greater than 4.0	90mg
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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

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The dose may be administered at three-weekly intervals to coincide with chemotherapy if desired <p>Predominantly lytic bone metastases and multiple myeloma</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Give 90mg every four weeks ➤ The dose may be administered at three-weekly intervals to coincide with chemotherapy if desired <p>Pagets disease of bone</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Add each dose of 30 mg to a minimum of 100 mL sodium chloride 0.9%; add each dose of 60–90 mg to a minimum of 250 mL sodium chloride 0.9%. ➤ Infuse slowly at a rate no faster than 60mg in one hour. <p>Use in Infusion unit is for Paget's disease of bone –See PPG-CUH-CUH-243 Policy Procedure and Guidelines for Management of Patients Attending CUH Infusion Unit for Intravenous Therapy for more information.</p>
Monitoring	<p>Monitor serum electrolytes, calcium and phosphate—possibility of convulsions due to electrolyte changes.</p> <p>Assess renal function before each dose</p>
Extravasation	<p>In order to minimise local reactions at the infusion site, the cannula should be inserted carefully into a relatively large vein.</p>
Additional Information	<p>Renal impairment</p> <p>Pamidronate should not be administered to patients with severe renal impairment (eGFR less than 30ml/min/1.73m²), unless in life-threatening tumour-induced hypercalcaemia where the benefit outweighs the potential risks.</p> <p>A maximum rate of 20mg/hour should not be exceeded in patients with renal impairment</p> <p>As pamidronate has been associated with renal toxicity, serum creatinine should be checked prior to each dose of the drug</p>

Information provided relates to Disodium Pamidronate by Mylan and Hospira.