

Clarithromycin

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 Microguide for further information.	

Information provided relates to Clarithromycin manufactured by Amdipharm and Mylan.