

DigiFAB®

CAUTION: High Administration Risk Rating	
Form & Storage	40mg of digoxin immune Fab (ovine) protein powder for solution for injection Store in a refrigerator at 2–8°C
Reconstitution	Reconstitute the contents of each vial with 4mL of water for injections by gentle mixing to produce a protein concentration of 10mg/mL. The reconstituted solution should be a clear to slightly opalescent, colourless to pale-yellow solution.
Compatibility & Stability	Sodium Chloride 0.9%
Administration	IV Injection If cardiac arrest is imminent, digoxin immune Fab may be administered by IV injection over 3-5 minutes, but this method of administration is not recommended since it may be associated with increased risk of adverse effects (e.g. allergic reactions). IV Infusion Withdraw the contents from the required number of vials and add to a convenient volume of sodium chloride 0.9% (250-500mL). Use a 0.22 micron membrane filter to remove any incompletely dissolved aggregates of Digifab®. Administer as an IV infusion over 30 minutes using an infusion pump.
	Refer to Protocol for the administration of DigiFAB® to calculate dose
Monitoring	 Monitor temperature and blood pressure. Continuous ECG monitoring is required for at least 24 hours after administration Monitor the serum potassium concentration as Digifab® may result in significant hypokalaemia. DigiFAB® may interfere with digoxin immunoassay measurements. Thus, standard serum digoxin concentration measurements may be clinically misleading until the Fab fragments are eliminated from the body.
Additional Information	 Use of Digifab® may worsen congestive heart failure & atrial fibrillation Doses should ordinarily be rounded up to the next whole vial.

Information relates to Digifab® manufactured by Protherics