

Sodium Valproate

Sodium valproate dosing may be weight based; ensure accuracy of documented weight before administration	
Form	400mg dry powder vial & 4mL solvent
Reconstitution	Add 4mL WFI provided. Due to displacement value of Sodium Valproate the concentration is 95mg/mL. Solution should be used immediately.
Compatibility & Stability	Sodium Chloride 0.9% Glucose 5%
Administration	<p><u>IV Injection</u> Give up to 10mg/kg slowly over 3 to 5 minutes.</p> <p><u>Intermittent infusion</u> After reconstitution as above, dilute with at least 50mL of compatible fluid and administer over 60 minutes. Infusion rate should not exceed 20mg/minute. Maximum dose 2.5g in 24 hours.</p>
Extravasation	Tissue injury due to extravasation is unlikely due to the near neutral pH but may cause tissue damage when given as an IV injection at doses greater than 600mg due to high osmolality.
Additional Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not infuse with other medicines. • Intravenous dose is the same as the oral dose.

Information provided relates to Epilim® manufactured by Sanofi.

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