

Erythromycin

Form:	1g dry powder vial
Reconstitution:	Add 20mls WFI to each 1g vial to give 50mg/ml solution. Further dilute prior to administration.
Administration Method:	<u>IV Infusion ONLY</u> Add 250 - 500mg of erythromycin to 100ml of infusion fluid and infuse over 1 hour. Add 1g of erythromycin to 250ml of infusion fluid and infuse over 1 hour.
Extravastation:	Erythromycin is an irritant and may cause thrombophlebitis and tissue damage.
Compatibility & Stability:	Sodium Chloride 0.9% Use prepared infusions within 8 hours of preparation to ensure potency.
Special Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erythromycin has excellent oral bioavailability. Consider IV to oral switch, if appropriate. • A longer period of infusion should be used in patients with risk factors or previous evidence of arrhythmias. • See CUH Antimicrobial Guidelines or NCHD.ie app for further information.

Information provided relates to Erythrocin® manufactured by Amdipharm.

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