Naloxone

Form:	400 microgram per 1ml ampoule
Reconstitution:	Already in solution
Administration Method:	**IV Injection** Preferred in emergencies due to rapid onset of action. Administer undiluted. May be diluted to a convenient volume with compatible fluid. **IV Continuous Infusion** Add 2mg (5ml) of Naloxone to 495ml of infusion fluid to give a 4 microgram per ml solution. Rate of infusion should be titrated in accordance with the patient's response. Must be infused using a volumetric infusion pump. **IV Infusion –In fluid restricted patients or if higher dose required** Dilute 10mg (25mls) to 50ml of compatible infusion fluid and infuse using a syringe pump. Rate of infusion should be titrated in accordance with the patient's response.
Extravasation:	Naloxone has a low pH and may cause venous irritation and tissue damage in cases of extravasation.
Compatibility & Stability:	Sodium Chloride 0.9% Glucose 5%
Special Notes:	• Duration of action of many opioids exceeds that of naloxone, therefore patients must be monitored in case of relapse. A continuous infusion may be indicated. • Naloxone may precipitate acute withdrawal syndrome in opioid-dependent patients. • Naloxone should be kept in all areas where opioids are administered.

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