

Phenylephrine

Indication:	Acute hypotension
Form:	10mg per 1ml ampoule
Reconstitution:	Already in solution Further dilute before administration
Administration:	Peripheral or central IV route Dilute 10mg (1ml of a 10mg/ml solution) to 100ml compatible infusion fluid to give a 100 microgram/ml solution.
Compatible:	Glucose 5% Sodium chloride 0.9%
Method:	a) IV bolus Usual IV bolus = 0.1mg-0.5mg. Withdraw the required amount from the prepared solution. Administer prescribed solution over 3-5 minutes. Injections should be repeated no more than every 15 minutes b) Continuous IV infusion – peripheral or central Initial maximum rate 180 microgram/minute, adjusted to 30-60 microgram /minute according to response, via rate controlled infusion pump or syringe pump.
Extravasation:	May cause tissue necrosis.
Special Notes:	1.This concentration is also found in theatres.

*This monograph should be used in conjunction with the drug data sheet and current BNF.
For further information contact pharmacy department on 22542 or 22146.*