

## **Tetracosactide**

<b>Form:</b>	250 micrograms per ml
<b>Reconstitution:</b>	Already in solution
<b>Administration Method:</b>	<b><u>IV Injection</u></b> Give by slow injection over 2 minutes.
<b>Compatibility &amp; Stability:</b>	Sodium chloride 0.9%
<b>Special Notes:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Patients should be kept under observation for 30 minutes after the injection due to the possibility of hypersensitivity reactions.</li><li>• Ensure resuscitation facilities are available should a serious hypersensitivity reaction occur.</li><li>• Tetracosactride (Synacthen<sup>®</sup>) is used as a diagnostic test for the investigation of adrenocortical insufficiency.</li><li>• This test (the short Synacthen<sup>®</sup> test) is based on measurement of the plasma cortisol concentration immediately before and exactly 30 minutes after an intramuscular or intravenous injection of 250micrograms (1ml) Synacthen<sup>®</sup></li></ul>

**Information provided relates to Synacthen<sup>®</sup> manufactured by Sigma-Tau Industrie.**

*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*