

Flumazenil

CAUTION: High Administration Risk Rating	
Form	500 microgram (0.5mg) per 5mL ampoule
Reconstitution	 Already in solution Draw up using a 5 micron filter needle Use gloves when opening ampoules
Compatibility & Stability	Sodium Chloride 0.9% Glucose 5%
Administration	 <u>IV Injection</u> Administer slowly over 15 seconds into a large vein. <u>Continuous IV Infusion</u> Dilute 2.5mg flumazenil (5 x 5mL ampoules) to 50mL with compatible infusion fluid in a 50mL syringe (50 microgram/mL solution). Administer at a rate of 100 - 400 micrograms per hour depending on response. Stop infusion every 6 hours to check whether re-sedation occurs. Preferably administer via a central venous access device to avoid potential venous irritation. If given peripherally, choose a large vein and monitor the injection site closely.
Extravasation	Extravasation is likely to cause tissue damage because of extreme pH (less than 5).
Additional Information	 Flumazenil should only be administered by, or under the direct supervision of, personnel experienced in its use. Half-life is very short (40-80 minutes), therefore an infusion may be necessary if drowsiness returns after a single dose.

Information provided relates to Anexate[®] manufactured by Cheplapharm Arzneimittel GmbH.

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