

## **Foscarnet**

Reduce direct handling to a minimum and wear appropriate personal protective equipment	
CAUTION: High Administration Risk Rating	
Form	24mg/mL; 250mL bottle containing 6g foscarnet
Reconstitution	Already in solution
Compatibility & Stability	Sodium chloride 0.9% Glucose 5%  Incompatible with calcium containing solutions and preparations
Administration	IV Infusion – central May be given undiluted via a central venous access device. Give doses of <60mg/kg over at least one hour and doses >60mg/kg over 2 hours using an infusion pump.  IV Infusion – peripheral Discuss with Pharmacy
Monitoring	Monitor electrolytes, particularly calcium and magnesium.  Monitor serum creatinine every second day during induction and every week during maintenance.
Additional Information	<ul> <li>Contact with the skin or eye may cause local irritation and a burning sensation. Rinse the affected area with water.</li> <li>Ensure the patient is well hydrated before and during treatment.</li> <li>Foscavir<sup>®</sup> is considered high in sodium – 60mmol sodium per 250mL bottle</li> <li>Unlicensed medication in Ireland</li> </ul>

Information provided relates to Foscavir® manufactured by Clinigen Healthcare .