

Linezolid

Reserve Antimicrobial See CUH Antimicrobial Guidelines on Eolas for further information		
Form & Storage	600mg in 300mL infusion bag	Store at room temperature in the original package (overwrap and carton) until ready to use to protect from light.
Reconstitution	Already in solution	
Compatibility & Stability	N/A	
Administration	IV Infusion	
	Administer by IV infusion over 30 - 120 minutes.	
Extravasation	Linezolid infusion has a low pH and may cause venous irritation and tissue damage in cases of extravasation. If a central venous access device is unavailable, administer via a large peripheral vein monitoring insertion site closely using a recognised phlebitis scoring tool. Re-site cannula at first signs of inflammation.	
Monitoring	Monitor blood pressure, for signs of metabolic acidosis. Monitor blood counts weekly (including haemoglobin levels, platelets and differentiated leucocyte counts). Visual function should be monitored if treatment is required for longer than 28 days as severe optic neuropathy may occur rarely particularly with prolonged use.	
Additional Information	Linezolid has excellent bioavailability (approximately 100%). Consider oral route from the onset, or a rapid IV to oral switch as appropriate. See CUH Antimicrobial guidelines on Eolas app for further information.	

Information provided relates to Zyvox® (Pfizer)

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