

Paracetamol

Paracetamol dosing is weight based; ensure accuracy of documented weight before administration		
Form	1g per 100mL vial of solution for infusion	Store at room temperature
Reconstitution	Already in solution	
Compatibility & Stability	N/A	
Administration	IV Infusion 1g dose: Use the 100mL vial without further dilution. < 1g dose: Remove excess solution from the 100mL vial/bottle before starting administration of the calculated dose. Administer over 15 minutes.	
Paracetamol Toxicity	For INTRAVENOUS paracetamol overdoses contact the National Poisons Information Centre (NPIC) (01 8092566) SNAP (modified 12-hour regimen) is an off label use of acetylcysteine albeit at its licensed dose. This regimen is endorsed by National Poisons Information Service (NPIS) and the Royal College of Emergency Medicine: see Toxbase (username/password required, available Resusc room ED)	
Additional Information	• Prescribing and administering intravenous paracetamol safely – NHS SPS - Specialist Pharmacy Service – The first stop for professional medicines advice • Accidental overdose with intravenous (IV) paracetamol remains a safety risk in children and adults. Deaths have occurred in adults with low body weight due to incorrect IV paracetamol dosing. For patients weighing up to 51kg, dosing is reduced to 15mg/kg every 4-6 hours, maximum 60mg/kg/day. • Check that no other medicines containing paracetamol are being administered. • Reduce the total daily paracetamol dose in people with liver dysfunction, chronic alcoholism, chronic malnutrition or dehydration. Prescribe a maximum of 3g per day of paracetamol from all routes to adults over 51kg with risk factors for liver disease. • Consider PO/PR/NG administration before administering IV paracetamol.	

Information provided relates to Paracetamol (Accor) last updated 9/7/26

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