

## Tacrolimus

<b>CAUTION: High Administration Risk Rating</b>																																												
<b>Form</b>	5mg in 1mL ampoule																																											
<b>Reconstitution</b>	Already in solution <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Draw up using a 5 micron filter needle</b></li> <li>• <b>Use gloves when opening ampoules</b></li> </ul> <b>Dilute further before administration.</b>																																											
<b>Compatibility &amp; Stability</b>	Sodium chloride 0.9% Glucose 5%  <b>Incompatible with PVC</b> Tacrolimus is absorbed by PVC plastics. A non-PVC infusion container (Baxter Viaflo®, Braun Ecoflac®) and infusion set should be used.																																											
<b>Administration</b>	<b>IV Infusion</b> Dilute the required dose to 48mL with compatible fluid and infuse at 2mL/hour over 24 hours. <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; text-align: center;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Total oral daily dose (mg)</th> <th>Daily dose for IV infusion (mg)</th> <th>Volume of concentrate (5mg/mL)</th> <th>Total Volume of infusion fluid (mL)</th> <th>Rate (mL/hour)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>2mg</td><td>0.4mg</td><td>0.08mL</td><td>48mL</td><td>2</td></tr> <tr><td>2.5mg</td><td>0.5mg</td><td>0.1mL</td><td>48mL</td><td>2</td></tr> <tr><td>3mg</td><td>0.6mg</td><td>0.12mL</td><td>48mL</td><td>2</td></tr> <tr><td>3.5mg</td><td>0.7mg</td><td>0.14mL</td><td>48mL</td><td>2</td></tr> <tr><td>4mg</td><td>0.8mg</td><td>0.16mL</td><td>48mL</td><td>2</td></tr> <tr><td>4.5mg</td><td>0.9mg</td><td>0.18mL</td><td>48mL</td><td>2</td></tr> <tr><td>5mg</td><td>1mg</td><td>0.2mL</td><td>48mL</td><td>2</td></tr> </tbody> </table>				Total oral daily dose (mg)	Daily dose for IV infusion (mg)	Volume of concentrate (5mg/mL)	Total Volume of infusion fluid (mL)	Rate (mL/hour)	2mg	0.4mg	0.08mL	48mL	2	2.5mg	0.5mg	0.1mL	48mL	2	3mg	0.6mg	0.12mL	48mL	2	3.5mg	0.7mg	0.14mL	48mL	2	4mg	0.8mg	0.16mL	48mL	2	4.5mg	0.9mg	0.18mL	48mL	2	5mg	1mg	0.2mL	48mL	2
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<b>Extravasation</b>	Extravasation may cause tissue damage due to the low pH of the solution.																																											
<b>Additional Information</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The concentration of a solution for infusion should be within the range 0.004 - 0.1 mg/mL.</li> <li>• The total volume of infusion during a 24-hour period should be in the range 20 – 500mL.</li> <li>• Switching between tacrolimus brands and routes of administration requires careful supervision and therapeutic monitoring by an appropriate specialist.</li> <li>• The daily intravenous dose is one-fifth of the total oral daily dose, and subsequent dose adjustment is based on plasma levels of tacrolimus.</li> <li>• Tacrolimus should be given IV for no more than 7 days.</li> <li>• IV administration carries a risk of anaphylaxis and should be reserved for patients who cannot tolerate the oral route.</li> </ul>																																											

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*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*