Tocilizumab

Reduce direct handling to a minimum and wear appropriate personal protective equipment.		
Tocilizumab dosing is weight based; ensure accuracy of documented weight before administration		
CAUTION: High Administration Risk Rating		
Form & Storage	80mg in 4mL concentrate for solution for infusion 200mg in 10mL concentrate for solution for infusion 400mg in 20mL concentrate for solution for infusion	Store vials in a refrigerator 2°C-8°C. Do not freeze.
Reconstitution	Already in solution Inspect for particulate matter prior to infusion Should be a clear to opalescent, colourless to pale yellow solution	
Compatibility & Stability	Sodium Chloride 0.9% **ONLY**	
Administration	**IV Infusion** • Withdraw a volume of sterile, sodium chloride 0.9% from a 100 mLinfusion bag, equal to the volume of Tocilizumab concentrate required for the patient's dose, under aseptic conditions. • The required amount of Tocilizumab concentrate should be withdrawn from the vial and added to the 100 mL infusion bag. This should make an approximate final volume of 100 mL. • To mix the solution, gently invert the infusion bag to avoid foaming • Administer by intravenous infusion over 60 minutes. See **PPG-CUH-CUH-243 Policy Procedure and Guidelines for management of patients attending CUH infusion unit** for more information.	
Documentation Requirements	Document batch numbers and expiry dates of vials in medical notes.	
Adverse Drug Reactions	• Serious hypersensitivity reactions have been reported in association with infusion of Tocilizumab. • Medicinal products for the treatment of hypersensitivity reactions, e.g. adrenaline, oxygen, antihistamines and corticosteroids should be available for immediate use in the event of an allergic reaction during administration.	
Disposal	Dispose of infusion bag and administration set in purple-lidded bin.	
Additional Information	Prescribers should round dose to nearest whole vial.	

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