

Vancomycin Intracolonic

Rectal Vancomycin - a retention enema containing 500mg vancomycin in 100ml of normal saline every 6 hours for the treatment of <i>C.difficile</i> Infection		
Form	500mg vials	Store below 25°C
Reconstitution	Add 10mL WFI to 500mg vial Prepare immediately before use, as there is no preservative.	
Administration	Intracolonic Vancomycin	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reconstitute a vial of Vancomycin IV 500mg then add to 100ml of normal saline. An 18G Foley catheter is inserted per rectum and the balloon is inflated. The Vancomycin solution is instilled into the rectum and retained for 60 minutes by clamping the catheter. Once retention time is complete, the catheter is unclamped, the balloon deflated and the catheter removed. This process can be repeated every 4-6 hours depending on clinical response. 	
Additional Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Caution: Dose adjustments may be required depending on individual circumstance including extent of colonic disease and patient weight. Vancomycin can be absorbed through inflamed colonic mucosa and cause toxicity if it accumulates in patients with renal failure. Unlicensed preparation of licensed product 	

Information provided relates to Vancocin (Flynn Pharma) and Vancomycin(Gerard and Demo)

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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