

Vancomycin PO

The contents of vials for parenteral administration may be used for oral administration in the treatment of C Diff. Oral vancomycin capsules are not stocked in CUH		
Form	500mg vials	Store below 25°C
Reconstitution	Add 10mL WFI to 500mg vial Prepare immediately before use, as there is no preservative.	Store at 2–8°C
Administration	Oral vancomycin for inpatients Withdraw 2.5mL for 125mg dose Withdraw 10mL for 500mg dose The selected dose may be further diluted in 30ml of water and given to the patient to drink or it may be administered via naso-gastric tube.	
Storage once reconstituted	Store the reconstituted injection in the fridge for no more than 24 hours. The date and time the vial was reconstituted should be clearly marked.	
Additional Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patients discharged on oral vancomycin: Oral capsules (125mg strength) are available in the community. 	

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