

Voriconazole

Voriconazole dosing is weight based; ensure accuracy of documented weight before administration								
Reserve Antimicrobial See CUH Antimicrobial Guidelines on Eolas for further information								
CAUTION: High Administration Risk Rating								
CAUTION: Voriconazole is administered as a loading dose followed by a maintenance dose . Double check the correct dose has been prescribed.								
Form	200mg dry powder vial	Store below 25°C						
Reconstitution	Add 19mL WFI or sodium chloride 0.9% to a 200mg vial. Discard the vial if vacuum does not pull the diluent into the vial. This produces 20mL of a 10mg/mL solution. Dilute further before administration.							
Compatibility and Stability	Glucose 5% Sodium Chloride 0.9%							
Administration	IV Infusion only Withdraw volume from vial(s) which equates to the dose required. This should be diluted using a compatible infusion fluid to produce a solution with a final concentration of 0.5 - 5mg/mL. Suggested dilution: <table><tr><th>Required Dose</th><th>Volume of Infusion Fluid</th></tr><tr><td>50 - 500mg</td><td>100mL</td></tr><tr><td>Over 500mg</td><td>250mL</td></tr></table> Infuse over 60 - 180 minutes at a rate not exceeding 3mg/kg/hour.		Required Dose	Volume of Infusion Fluid	50 - 500mg	100mL	Over 500mg	250mL
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Extravasation	Extravasation may cause tissue damage due to low pH. If a central venous access device is unavailable, administer via a large peripheral vein monitoring insertion site closely using a recognised phlebitis scoring tool. Re-site cannula at first signs of inflammation.							
Monitor	Monitor for electrolyte disturbances (hypokalaemia, hypomagnesemia, hypocalcaemia) before and during voriconazole therapy, liver function, renal function. Monitor infusion site.							
Additional Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A loading dose regimen is required consisting of two doses administered 12 hours apart. Commence maintenance dosing (twice daily) 12 hours after second loading dose.Electrolyte disturbances such as hypokalaemia, hypomagnesaemia and hypocalcaemia should be monitored and corrected, if necessary, prior to initiationIn patients with renal impairment (creatinine clearance less than 50mL/minute) use intravenous infusion only if the potential benefit outweighs the risk, and monitor renal function (risk of accumulation of excipient, sulfobutylether beta cyclodextrin sodium (SBECD))Never administer Voriconazole as an IV bolus							

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- Voriconazole has excellent oral bioavailability, consider oral route from the onset, or a rapid IV to oral switch as appropriate - see CUH Adult Antimicrobial Guidelines on Eolas for further information.

Information provided relates to Vfend® (Pfizer)

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