

Paracetamol for Analgesia / Pyrexia

FORM Ampoule containing 100mg in 10ml

INDICATION Analgesic for short-term treatment of moderate pain or fever

DOSE RANGE

AGE	DOSE	FREQUENCY	ROUTE
Preterm neonate (28-36 weeks)	10mg/kg	6 hourly	IV
0-6 months	15mg/kg	6 hourly	IV

RECONSTITUTION

Already in solution

DILUTION

Can be administered undiluted

METHOD OF ADMINISTRATION

Administer as an intravenous infusion over 15 minutes

COMPATIBILITY

Solution compatibility	Sodium Chloride 0.9%, Glucose 5%
Solution incompatibility	All other IV fluids
IV Line compatibility	Morphine, Midazolam, Vancomycin, Parenteral Nutrition including lipid
IV Line incompatibility	All other drugs

THIS LIST IS NOT EXHAUSTIVE PLEASE CONTACT PHARMACY FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON COMPATIBILITY WITH ANY MEDICINES NOT INCLUDED

CAUTIONS, CONTRA-INDICATIONS AND SIDE EFFECTS

See Summary of Product Characteristics and most recent edition of BNF for Children (links below).
Caution in hepatic impairment or neonates with unconjugated hyperbilirubinaemia – monitor hepatic function

FURTHER INFORMATION

- Do not give with any other preparation containing paracetamol
- Doses higher than the recommended entail the risk of serious liver damage. Clinical signs and symptoms of liver damage are not usually seen until 2-6 days after administration.

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LICENSED STATUS

Not licensed in neonates or children under 10kg

LINKS

[BNF for Children](#) / [Electronic Medicines Compendium](#)

APPLICABLE POLICIES

[West of Scotland Neonatal Guidelines](#):

Consult local policy if applicable

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Administer reconstituted solutions immediately.

All vials, ampoules and infusion bags are for single use only unless otherwise stated.

Dose may vary depending on indication, age, renal function, hepatic function, and concomitant medications.

This monograph should be used in conjunction with the package insert, BNF for Children, and Summary of Product Characteristics. For further advice contact your clinical pharmacist or pharmacy department.