Propranolol Intravenous for Adults

Who can administer

May be administered by registered competent doctor or nurse/midwife (doctor present)

Important information

- **Must not be used if there is a history of asthma or bronchospasm**
- Intravenous doses are much lower than those used orally
- Unlicensed preparation
- May block or modify signs or symptoms of hypoglycaemia

Available preparations

Dociton 1mg per 1mL ampoule

Reconstitution

Already in solution

Draw up using a 5 micron filter needle

Infusion fluids

Not required - product ready for use

Methods of intravenous administration

Bolus intravenous injection

- Administer required dose over 1 minute

Dose in adults

Arrhythmias and thyrotoxic crisis (ref BNF)

- Give 1mg over one minute
- If necessary, repeat at two minute intervals
- Maximum total dose 10mg (5mg in adults under anaesthesia)

Monitoring

- Continuous pulse, blood pressure and ECG monitoring required

Storage

Store below 25^{0}C

References

No SPC available.

All information taken from BNF

Therapeutic classification

Betablocker