

Immunoglobulin INTRAGAM 10%[®]

2.5g in 25mL, 10g in 100mL intravenous infusion

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This statewide guideline does not address all the elements of clinical practice and assumes that the individual clinicians are responsible for discussing care with consumers in an environment that is culturally appropriate and which enables respectful confidential discussion. This includes:

- The use of interpreter services where necessary,
- Advising consumers of their choice and ensuring informed consent is obtained,
- Providing care within scope of practice, meeting all legislative requirements and maintaining standards of professional conduct, and
- Documenting all care in accordance with mandatory and local requirements

This guideline should be used in conjunction with the [Intragam 10% Bloodsafe Guide to Administration](#)

Synonyms

Human normal immunoglobulin, Gamma globulin, IVIG, IGIV.

Dose and Indications

1g = 1000mg

Neonatal alloimmune thrombocytopenia and haemochromatosis

Intravenous Infusion

1g/kg as a single dose. Repeat in 24 hours if required

Always contact Haematology for advice.



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Preparation and Administration

Intravenous Infusion

Start slowly, increase rate only if tolerated;

- > First 30 minutes 0.5mL/kg/hour (equivalent to 50mg/kg/hr)
- > Next 30 minutes 1mL/kg/hour (equivalent to 100mg/kg/hour)
- > Thereafter 2mL/kg/hr (equivalent to 200mg/kg/hour)

Do not mix or piggy back with other medications or intravenous fluids. Flush before and after with sodium chloride 0.9%.

Compatible Fluids

Sodium chloride 0.9% for intravenous flush only

Diluting immunoglobulin is not recommended

Adverse Effects

Infusion related side effects include hypotension, tachycardia and flushing.

Infrequent

Muscle spasms, arthralgia, fever

Rare

Anaphylaxis, acute renal failure, aseptic meningitis syndrome, transfusion related acute injury, thrombosis

Monitoring

- > Baseline pulse rate and blood pressure, at 30 minutes then at one hour (at each rate increase), then every hour, on completion and 1 hour post infusion
- > Infusion site for phlebitis at 30 minutes then at one hour then every hour until completion
- > Observe for infusion related side effects (hypotension, tachycardia and flushing)
- > If infusion related side effects occur, the infusion should be stopped then recommenced at a slower rate
- > Baseline full blood count, renal function and urine output

Practice Points

- > Immunoglobulin is available through the blood transfusion service. All Immunoglobulin needs approval through Bloodstar - <https://www.blood.gov.au/bloodstar>
- > Intravenous immunoglobulin does not require a filter.
- > Correct risk factors for adverse reactions e.g. dehydration prior to administration
- > The maltose present in Intragam P may interfere with some blood glucose measurements, resulting in the overestimation of blood glucose results. If this glucose measurement is used to guide treatment, hypoglycaemia may occur.



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