

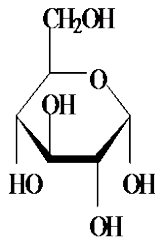
PRODUCT INFORMATION

GLUCOSE INTRAVENOUS INFUSION BP 5% (glucose)

NAME OF THE MEDICINE

Anhydrous Glucose

The molecular formula is $C_6H_{12}O_6$ and the chemical structure is



CAS Number: 50-99-7

DESCRIPTION

Sterile isotonic preservative-free solutions containing anhydrous glucose 5% in Water for Injections.

Each mL of solution contains 50 mg glucose (anhydrous).

PHARMACOLOGY

Pharmacodynamics

Glucose is a naturally occurring monosaccharide found in the blood and is the principle source of energy for the body.

Glucose is metabolised in the body to carbon dioxide and water with the release of energy and calories.

It is stored in the body as fat and in the liver and muscles as glycogen. Glycogen is broken down and converted to glucose when body glucose level is depleted. As well as providing a source of energy, glucose infusions may reduce catabolic loss of nitrogen from the body and help prevent depletion of liver glycogen. It is also a source to be converted for nucleic acid formation.

INDICATIONS

- for fluid and carbohydrate depletion wherever a non-electrolyte fluid is required
- in the treatment of hypoglycaemia
- in the treatment of acute diarrhoeal disease

- as a vehicle for the administration of other medications

CONTRAINDICATIONS

- Glucose-Galactose Malabsorption Syndrome
- Diabetic coma where blood sugar levels are excessively high;
- Avoid use in ischaemic stroke, as under this condition, the induced lactic acidosis aggravates the recovery of the damaged brain tissue.
- intracranial or intraspinal haemorrhage
- patients with delirium tremens who are severely dehydrated
- patients who are anuric
- patients who are known to have an allergy reaction to corn (maize) or corn products.

PRECAUTIONS

- Glucose injections, even if iso-osmotic, should not be mixed with whole blood as haemolysis and agglomeration may occur.
- Additives may be incompatible with glucose. Do not administer such preparations unless the solution is clear. Do not store solutions containing additives unless compatibility has been proven. While some incompatibilities are readily observed, one must be aware that subtle physical, chemical and pharmacological incompatibilities can occur. The medical literature, the package insert and other available sources of information should be reviewed for thorough understanding of possible of incompatibility problems. In particular, the product information document of any added medication should be checked for any incompatibility with the glucose infusion.
- Peripheral and pulmonary oedema may occur from intravenous administration of glucose solution, especially by over dilution of body serum electrolyte, overhydration, congested states from infusions. The risk of dilution states is inversely proportional to the electrolyte concentrations of the injections. The risk of solute overload causing congested states with peripheral and pulmonary oedema is directly proportional to the electrolyte concentrations of the injections.
- Hyperglycaemia and glycosuria may occur in patients with metabolic insufficiency or as a result of an over rapid rate infusion.
- Glucose solution should be used with caution in patients with suspected or diagnosed diabetes mellitus or with carbohydrate intolerance.
- Prolonged parenteral administration of glucose may affect insulin production. To avoid this it may be necessary to add insulin to the infusion.
- Clinical evaluation and periodic laboratory determinations are necessary to monitor changes in blood, urinary glucose, fluid balance, electrolyte concentrations and acid-base balance should be monitored during administration especially during prolonged parenteral therapy.
- When used as a vehicle of drug delivery, the product information document of the drug(s) for infusion should be examined to ensure compatibility with the solution.
- Administration of a substantially hypertonic solution may lead to a wide variety of complications. These include crenation (shrinkage) of red blood cells and general cellular dehydration. Thus, unless appropriately diluted, the infusion of hypertonic glucose injection solution into a peripheral vein may result in vein irritation, vein damage, and thrombosis. Strongly hypertonic nutrient solutions should only be administered through

an indwelling intravenous catheter with the tip located in a large central vein such as the superior vena cava.

- Similarly, administration of hypertonic glucose injection and amino acid solutions via central venous catheter may be associated with complications that can be prevented or minimised by careful attention to all aspects of the procedure.
- Caution should be exercised in the administration of the glucose intravenous injection containing sodium ions to patients receiving corticosteroids or corticotropin as it may lead to hypernatraemia. Thiamine diphosphate, cocarboxylase, is an essential co-enzyme in the carbohydrate metabolism; therefore, patients having thiamine deficiency should be treated cautiously with glucose intravenous infusion. The glucose injections should be used with caution in patients with overt or subclinical diabetes mellitus.

Use in Pregnancy: Category B3

Safety in pregnancy has not been established. Glucose Intravenous Infusion should be used during pregnancy only when clearly needed and the benefits of therapy outweigh the potential risks.

Use in Lactation

No information available.

Paediatric Use

Caution should be taken when used in infants with diabetic mothers.

Genotoxicity

Data regarding mutagenic potential during pregnancy is not available.

Carcinogenicity

Glucose is not carcinogenic.

INTERACTIONS WITH OTHER MEDICINES

Glucose solutions should not be administered concomitantly with blood through the same infusion set, as haemolysis and clumping may occur.

Use of these glucose infusions may necessitate review of a patient's oral hypoglycaemic or insulin requirements.

ADVERSE EFFECTS

- infusion of glucose at a rate greater than 0.5 g/kg/hr may cause hyperglycaemia and glycosuria. Rapid infusion of 25 - 50 g over 3 minutes may occasionally cause a generalised flush which usually subsides within 10 minutes.
- oedema, hypokalaemia, hypophosphataemia and hypomagnesaemia. The utilisation of glucose will cause the intracellular movement of phosphate and potassium; in certain conditions provision must be made for replacing these products.
- dilute electrolyte concentrations and disrupted fluid and acid-base balance with prolonged use

- Vitamin B complex deficiency. The administration of glucose without adequate provision of certain B vitamins, which form the coenzyme systems in its metabolism, will exhaust tissue stores of these factors, leading to deficiency states. This is particularly important in alcoholics when subclinical thiamine deficiency may precipitate an overt deficiency syndrome such as Wernicke's encephalopathy.
- local reactions at site of infusion, such as fever, infection at the site of injection, phlebitis or venous thrombosis and extravasation. Thrombophlebitis may result from the use of hypertonic solutions via the intravenous route.
- Anaphylactoid effects have been reported in two patients with both asthma and diabetes mellitus.
- Glucose administration can exacerbate diabetes mellitus.

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

Dosage will be dependent upon individual patient circumstances, such as age, weight and clinical condition and is determined by the attending physician.

The infusion rate should not exceed 0.5 g/kg/hour to avoid potential glycosuria.

Glucose Intravenous Infusion BP 5% may be administered via a peripheral vein, preferable large arm vein and the site of infusion should be changed daily if more than one infusion is required.

Do not use if any visible particles are observed.

OVERDOSAGE

Symptoms

Hyperglycaemia and glycosuria may occur, and if undetected can lead to mental confusion, dehydration, hyperosmolar coma and death.

Treatment

Decrease the glucose infusion rate and administer insulin if appropriate.

Fluid overload and biochemical imbalance should be treated with corrective therapy.

PRESENTATION AND STORAGE CONDITIONS

Presentation

Glucose Intravenous Infusion BP 5% 100 mL Glass Vial, Aust R 11371

Storage

Store below 25 °C

Single use only. Discard unused portion.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE SPONSOR

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POISON SCHEDULE OF THE MEDICINE

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