

Who can administer

May be administered by registered competent doctor or nurse/midwife

Important information

- **Red-light antimicrobial:** Requires pre-authorisation from Microbiology or ID prior to use 24 hours/7 days a week
- Ertapenem is a carbapenem. **Avoid if** history of immediate or severe hypersensitivity reaction to **penicillins or cephalosporins**
- See under 'Dose' for adjustments required in **renal** impairment
- Co-administration with **valproate** may result in a decrease in valproic acid levels below the therapeutic range - therefore **concurrent use is not recommended**

Available preparations

Invanz 1 gram vial

Reconstitution

Water for injection or sodium chloride 0.9%

10mL per 1g vial (produces 100mg/mL solution)

Dilute further prior to administration

Infusion fluids

Sodium chloride 0.9% **only**

Methods of intravenous administration

Intermittent intravenous infusion (administer using an electronically controlled infusion device)

- Add 500mg or 1g dose to 50mL infusion fluid
- The residual volume in the infusion line must be flushed through at the same rate to avoid significant underdosing
- Administer over 30 minutes

Dose in adults

Usual dose

- Give 1g every 24 hours

Renal impairment ^(ref 1)

- Risk of seizures

eGFR (mL/min/1.73m ²)	Dose	Frequency
30 to 50	Usual dose	
10 to 30	500mg to 1g	Every twenty-four hours
Less than 10	1g three times weekly OR 500mg every 24 hours	
Renal replacement therapy	Consult pharmacy or specialist literature	

Storage

Store below 25⁰C

References

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(1) Renal drug database, accessed online 03/08/2022

Therapeutic classification

Carbapenem antibiotic