

## Who can administer

May be administered by registered competent doctor or nurse/midwife

## Important information

- Serious or life threatening drug interactions involving CYP 3A4 possible
- Incompatible with solutions containing divalent cations eg calcium or magnesium containing fluids such as Hartmans and lactated ringers solutions

## Available preparations

Ivemend 150mg vial powder for solution **for infusion**

## Reconstitution

### Sodium chloride 0.9%

- 5ml per 150mg vial
- Add slowly along the vial wall to prevent foaming
- Swirl vial gently, avoid shaking
- **Must be diluted further prior to administration**

## Infusion fluids

Sodium chloride 0.9%

## Methods of intravenous administration

### Intermittent intravenous infusion

- Remove 105ml Sodium chloride 0.9% from a 250ml infusion bag- leaving 145ml
- Add the reconstituted solution to the 145ml to give 150mg in 150ml
- Gently invert the bag two or three times
- Administer over 20 to 30 minutes
- Mild injection site thrombosis has been observed at higher doses. If signs or symptoms of local irritation occur, the infusion can be stopped and restarted in another vein

## Dose in adults

### Usual dose

- Give 150mg on day one of chemotherapy
- Initiate infusion approximately 30 minutes prior to chemotherapy
- Should be administered in conjunction with a corticosteroid and a 5-HT3 antagonist

### Hepatic impairment

- Limited data in patients with moderate hepatic impairment, and no data for those with severe hepatic impairment- use with **caution**

## Storage

Store between 2 and 8°C

## References

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## Therapeutic classification

Anti-emetic