

Essential Medicines Service Drugs List

DRUG	STRENGTH/Form	MINIMUM QUANTITY
Alfentanil	500micrograms/ml injection	10 ampoules
Cyclizine	50mg tablets ^A	100 tablets
	50mg/ml injection	15 ampoules
Dexamethasone	2mg tablets ^A	50 tablets
	6.6mg/2ml injection (or 3.3mg/ml)	10 ampoules
Diazepam (rectal)	5mg rectal tubes	5 rectal tubes
Glycopyrronium	200micrograms/ml injection	20 ampoules
Haloperidol	500micrograms tablets ^A	28 tablets
	2mg/ml oral solution	100ml
	5mg/ml injection	5 ampoules
Hyoscine Butylbromide	20mg/ml injection	10 ampoules
Hyoscine Hydrobromide	400micrograms/ml injection	5 ampoules
Levomepromazine	25mg/ml injection	10 ampoules
Lorazepam	1mg tablets	28 tablets
Methadone	10mg/ml injection	10 ampoules
Metoclopramide	10mg/2ml injection	10 ampoules
Midazolam	10mg/2ml injection	20 ampoules
Morphine sulphate	10mg /5ml oral solution	5 x 300ml bottles
	20mg tablets	56 tablets
	10mg/ml injection ampoules	20 ampoules
	30 mg/ml injection ampoules	20 ampoules
Oseltamivir (Tamiflu®)	30mg capsules	20 capsules
	75mg capsules	20 capsules
Oxycodone	5mg/5ml oral solution sugar free ^A	250ml
	10mg/ml injection	10 ampoules
Paracetamol	500 mg suppository	10 suppositories
Phytomenadione	10mg/ml solution for injection	10 ampoules
Pivmecillinam	200mg tablets	20 tablets
Sodium chloride 0.9%	10ml injection	20 ampoules
Vancomycin	125mg capsules	28 capsules
Water for injections	10ml injection	20 ampoules

A Added as per Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS) 2022/2023 Palliative and End of Life Care Action Plan

NOTE 1: Advice for dexamethasone injection dosing in palliative care:

For practical purposes: 3.3mg/ml injection may be considered equal to a 4mg tablet.

Nurses will administer according to the following:

For Dexamethasone 3.3mg/ml Injection (Hameln / Hospira / Wockhardt/ Panpharma)

For example, if a prescription is 4mg dexamethasone s/c, give 1ml of the 3.3mg/ml injection.

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