## PARACETAMOL INFUSION

### PRESENTATION
Vial: 1g in 100mL

### ACTION
Probably due to inhibition of prostaglandin synthesis but has negligible anti-inflammatory effects

### INDICATION
- Post-operative analgesia
- Antipyretic
- Analgesia indicated for the relief of mild to moderate pain and the reduction of fever where intravenous route of administration is considered clinically necessary

### CONTRAINDICATIONS
- Hypersensitivity to paracetamol or propacetamol hydrochloride
- Severe hepatocellular insufficiency, hepatic failure

### PRECAUTIONS
- Severe renal and/or hepatic impairment
- Chronic alcoholism, chronic malnutrition, dehydration

### DOSE
- **IV**: 1g every 4 to 6 hours
  - Maximum daily dose from all sources of Paracetamol should not exceed 4 g. 6g daily may be used for 3-5 days for acute post-operative pain

### ADMINISTRATION
IV infusion over 15 minutes

### ADVERSE EFFECTS
- GI upset
- Increased transaminases
- Injection site reactions, rash, drug fever

### COMMENTS

### PREGNANCY
May be used

### LACTATION
May be used

### CLINICAL GUIDELINE LINKS
- Women’s and Newborn Health Service Policy 027 Administration of Parenteral Drugs