

DRUG:	ALBUMIN (HUMAN) 4%
PRESENTATION:	Vial: 40mg/mL (4%) 50mL
ACTION & INDICATION:	Maintains plasma colloid oncotic pressure. Used as a plasma volume expander in hypovolaemia.
DOSE:	Usual dose: 0.5-1g/kg (12.5-25mL/kg)
ADMINISTRATION:	Intravenous infusion over 30- 60 minutes, or as ordered by Consultant Neonatologist.
ADVERSE EFFECTS:	Too rapid infusion: Hypertension, vascular overload causing pulmonary oedema, cardiac failure, Intraventricular haemorrhage. Allergic reactions: Chills, fever, vomiting, urticaria, anaphylaxis.
COMMENTS:	Compatible with: 0.9% Sodium chloride, 5% Glucose, Glucose and saline solutions. Albumin (human) 20% also available (see protocol). As this is a blood product, parents are to be notified before use.
REFERENCES:	Gomella T. Neonatology 5 th Ed
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