

DRUG:	PHENTOLAMINE
PRESENTATION:	Ampoule: 10mg/mL 1mL
ACTION & INDICATION:	Alpha-adrenergic blocking agent that induces peripheral vasodilation. It reverses ischaemia produced by vasopressor infiltration and may be used to prevent necrosis and sloughing caused by extravasation of drugs causing vaso-constriction.
DOSE:	Total dose of 1mg/kg injected in 4 to 5 aliquots.
PREPARATION:	Withdraw contents of ampoule and dilute to 10mL with sodium chloride 0.9%. Final concentration = 1mg/mL
ADMINISTRATION:	By subcutaneous injection in 4 to 5 sites encircling the infiltrated site
ADVERSE EFFECTS:	Hypotension. Monitor blood pressure continuously if possible, or every 5 minutes for one hour after administration of phentolamine.
COMMENTS:	Effect is almost immediately. Half life is less than 20 minutes when injected subcutaneously
REFERENCES:	Neofax 2008
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