



REGIONAL ADULT PARENTERAL DRUG MONOGRAPH

GENERIC NAME
bethamethasone

Effective Date: May 13-2015 Revised Date: March 2024	CLASSIFICATION Glucocorticoid	OTHER NAMES Celestone	PAGE 1 of 1
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ADMINISTRATION POLICY:
 IV Bolus – Do not administer
 IM Injection – May be administered by a nurse
 Subcutaneous – Do not administer

RECONSTITUTION/DILUTION/ADMINISTRATION:
Available as: 6 mg/mL 1 and 5 mL vial
 (betamethasone sodium phosphate 3 mg and betamethasone acetate 3 mg)
IM Injection: Administer undiluted
Maximum Concentration: 6 mg/mL

DOSAGE:
Antenatal use in preterm labor: 12 mg once daily for 2 days in preterm labor that begins at 24-34 weeks' gestation
Maximum single dose: 12 mg (pre-term labour)

STABILITY/COMPATIBILITY:
Compatibility: Do not mix with diluents.

PRECAUTIONS, POTENTIAL ADVERSE REACTIONS:
 • Adrenal suppression, anaphylactic reactions, immunosuppression, myopathy

ADDITIONAL NOTES AND NURSING CONSIDERATIONS:
 • Do NOT use epidurally.