

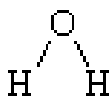
Data Sheet

WATER FOR INJECTIONS BP

Name of the medicine

Water for Injections BP

The structural formula is represented below:



Molecular Formula: H₂O

Molecular Weight: 18.02

CAS Number: 7732-18-5

Description

The chemical name for water is hydrogen oxide.

Water for Injections BP is a sterile, non-isotonic, clear, colourless solution in a ready-to-use, single dose presentation. It does not contain preservatives.

Indications

Water for Injections is used for the reconstitution and preparation of aqueous injections.

Precautions

Before dissolving or diluting any substance or preparation, ensure that Water for Injections is the recommended solvent or diluent by consulting the Data Sheet for the substance, drug or preparation.

Ensure that the solution prepared with Water for Injections is isotonic with blood before intravenous administration.

Use in Pregnancy: Category A

Water for Injections has been administered to a large number of pregnant women and women of childbearing age without any proven increase in the frequency of malformations or other direct or indirect harmful effects on the fetus having been observed. Check the Data Sheet document of the drug to be dissolved or diluted to ensure that it is safe to use during pregnancy.

Use in lactation

Water for Injections can be administered to women who are breast-feeding. Check the Data Sheet document of the drug to be dissolved or diluted to ensure that it is safe to use during lactation.

Adverse effects

No adverse reactions are known to be associated with Water for Injections. There should be no adverse reaction to Water for Injections if used as indicated to dissolve compatible substances to form an isotonic solution prior to injection. Injection of Water for Injections without the addition of solute may result in cell damage due to hypotonic effects (see **Precautions and Overdosage**).

The Data Sheet of any drug or substance used with Water for Injections must be consulted before use.

Dosage and administration

Ensure appropriate solubility, dilution or compatibility with other additives and ascertain the maximum time between aseptic preparation and administration by consulting the Data Sheet of any substance, preparation or drug before use.

The dosage for Water for Injections is the amount required to reconstitute or prepare other agents. Ensure that all solutions prepared with Water for Injections are isotonic before use (see **Precautions**).

Aseptic technique must be used when preparing and administering solutions for parenteral use. Usually solutions are prepared immediately before use.

Solutions prepared with Water for Injections may be administered intravenously, intramuscularly or subcutaneously. Water for Injections is for use in one patient on one occasion only. Discard any residue.

Overdosage

Overdose with small volume presentations of Water for Injections is unlikely. If larger volumes of Water for Injections are inadvertently injected without first ensuring isotonicity, the hypotonic effects may include local cell damage or haemolysis. Electrolyte abnormalities are possible. The patient should be assessed and treated appropriately.

Medicine Classification

General Sale Medicine

Package Quantities

Water for Injections BP	5mL Steriluer [®] ampoule (50s - not marketed)
Water for Injections BP	10mL Steriluer [®] ampoule (50s - not marketed)
Water for Injections BP	20mL Steriamp [®] ampoule (30s)

Further Information

Store below 25°C.

Use once only and discard any remaining portion.

The expiry date (month/year) is stated on the package after EXP.

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