

## How to prepare Teicoplanin 400mg vials

### Information

Strength of vials:	200mg or 400mg
Diluent for reconstitution:	water for injection (provided with drug)
Volumes for reconstitution:	3ml (for both 200mg or 400mg)
Administration:	Give each Intravenous injection slowly over 5 minutes. Doses > 800mg should be given more slowly. Give over a longer time if you feel any side effects when injecting e.g. flushing, shaky or dizziness.
Storage requirements:	Protect unopened vials from light and heat and store below 25 <sup>0</sup> C

### Have the following equipment

3ml Water for Injection  
 Teicoplanin vial 400mg  
 5ml syringe(s)  
 Green needles  
 Sterile alcohol wipes

### Procedure

1. Check drug, dose and expiry date
2. Wash hands thoroughly
3. Ensure preparation area is clean
4. Swab top of vial with sterile alcohol wipe and allow to dry for one minute
5. Take ampoule of water for injections and open carefully away from face
6. Using 5ml syringe and green needle withdraw entire contents of vial of water for injections provided. Add 3ml water for injections for each 400mg vial or 3ml for 200mg vial.
7. Slowly inject contents of 5ml syringe into vial of teicoplanin
8. Roll vial gently until powder in vial completely dissolves. **DO NOT SHAKE VIAL** to avoid formation of foam. If solution does become foamy leave vial to settle for 15 minutes.
9. Using a 10ml syringe and green needle withdraw contents of vial
10. Tap syringe gently to allow any air bubbles to travel to the top of the syringe. Remove any air bubbles in the syringe
11. Label syringe
12. Inject total dose over 3-5 minutes

Dose	Number of vials		Time to give over minutes
	200mg vial	400mg vial	
200mg	1		5 minutes
400mg		1	5 minutes
600mg	1	1	10 minutes
800mg		2	10 minutes
1000mg	1	2	15 minutes
1200mg		3	15 minutes