

patients in risk groups ASA III and IV.
A lower dosage may be necessary in patients over 55 years of age.

Sedation of children from 1 month of age for surgical and diagnostic procedures

The dosage and the periods between doses are selected based on the required depth of sedation and the clinical response. For the induction of sedation, a dose of 1 - 2 mg Propofol/kg of body weight is necessary for most children. Maintenance of the sedation is achieved with the titration of Propofol 10 mg/ml via an infusion until the desired depth of sedation is reached. For most patients, 1.5 - 9 mg Propofol/kg of body mass per hour is required. The infusion can be supplemented with bolus administrations of up to 1 mg Propofol/kg of body mass, if a rapid increase in the depth of sedation is required. Lower doses may be necessary for patients in the risk groups ASA III and IV.

Propofol 10 mg/ml may not be used for the sedation of children aged 16 years or younger as part of intensive care.

Overdose

An overdose can lead to circulatory and respiratory depression. Apnoea requires artificial ventilation. In the case of circulatory depression, the usual measures should be taken of lowering the head position or/and plasma substitution and vasoconstrictors.

Duration of use

Propofol 10 mg/ml may only be used in a patient for a maximum of 7 days.

Medical information leaflet

The following information is only intended for healthcare professionals:

This informational leaflet is an abbreviated form of the summary of product characteristics (SPC). Please consult the full SPC for further information.

Instructions for handling

Propofol 10 mg/ml may only be administered by doctors that have been trained in anaesthesiology or intensive care. Sedation or anaesthesia with Propofol 10 mg/ml and the surgical or diagnostic procedure may not be performed by the same person.

The heart, circulation and breathing should be continuously monitored (e.g. ECG, pulse oxymetry). The customary equipment for possible accidents during anaesthesia or sedation must be ready for use at all times.

Instructions regarding shelf life after opening or after preparation

Chemical and physical in-use stability has been demonstrated for 12 hours at 25°C.

Shelf life after dilution: The mixture should be prepared aseptically (controlled and validated conditions preserved) immediately prior to administration and must be administered within 12 hours after preparation.

After opening the product must be used immediately.

For single use only. Any unused emulsion must be discarded.

Instructions for use

Prior to use, the rubber stopper must be cleaned with alcohol spray or a swab dipped in alcohol.

The vials should be shaken before use. Propofol 10 mg/ml is administered intravenously, either undiluted from plastic syringes or glass vials or as a mixture with 5% glucose solution in PVC bags or glass vials.

Propofol 10 mg/ml does not contain any antimicrobial preservation media and growth of microorganisms is facilitated due to its composition.

The emulsion must be drawn into a sterile syringe or a sterile administration device under aseptic conditions immediately after breaking the seal on the vial. The administration must be started **immediately**.

Strict asepsis must be adhered to both Propofol 10 mg/ml and for the infusion equipment used during the period of infusion. The addition of drugs or fluids in to the ongoing infusion of Propofol 10 mg/ml must occur in close proximity to the cannula. When using Propofol 10 mg/ml, no bacteria filters may be used.

In the case of simultaneous parenteral nutrition, the fat administered with Propofol 10 mg/ml should be taken into account. 1.0 ml Propofol 10 mg/ml contains 0.1 g of fat.

Infusion of undiluted Propofol 10 mg/ml

For an infusion of undiluted Propofol 10 mg/ml, an infusion pump or a volumetric pump should be employed.

The duration of an infusion of Propofol 10 mg/ml from **one** infusion system may not exceed 12 hours, as is customary for fat emulsions. At the end of the infusion, but after 12 hours at the latest, residual quantities of Propofol 10 mg/ml and the infusion system may not be further used; if necessary, the infusion system must be changed out.

Infusion of diluted Propofol 10 mg/ml

The infusion of diluted Propofol 10 mg/ml must occur by means of a controllable infusion system (burette or volumetric pump), in order to prevent the accidental administration of larger quantities of Propofol 10 mg/ml.

Propofol should only be mixed with the following products: glucose 50 mg/ml (5%) solution for injection, sodium chloride 9 mg/ml (0.9%) solution for injection or sodium chloride 1.8 mg/ml (0.18%) and glucose 40 mg/ml (4%) solution for injection, and preservative-free lidocaine 10 mg/ml (1%) solution for injection. Final propofol concentration must not be below 2 mg/ml.

Co-administration of Propofol 10 mg/ml together with glucose 50 mg/ml (5%) solution for injection, sodium chloride 9 mg/ml (0.9%) solution for injection or sodium chloride 1.8 mg/ml (0.18%) and glucose 40 mg/ml (4%) solution for injection via Y-piece connector close to the injection site is possible.

The maximum dilution must not exceed 1 part of Propofol with 4 parts of 5% w/v glucose solution, 0.9% w/v sodium chloride solution, 0.18% sodium chloride & 4% dextrose solution (minimum concentration 2 mg propofol/ml). The mixture should be prepared aseptically (controlled and validated conditions preserved) immediately prior to administration and must be administered within 12 hours after preparation.

To reduce pain at the injection site, lidocaine may be injected immediately before the use of Propofol or Propofol may be mixed, immediately before use, with preservative free lidocaine injection (20 parts of Propofol with up to 1 part of 1% lidocaine injection solution) under controlled and validated aseptic conditions. The mixture has to be administered within 12 hours after preparation.

The muscle relaxants Atracurium and Mivacurium should not be administered through the same intravenous access as Propofol 10 mg/ml without first rinsing it out.

The content of a vial and the infusion system are only intended for a **single** use in one patient. Any unused emulsion must be discarded.

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Anaesthesia for adults

Induction of anaesthesia

For the induction of anaesthesia, Propofol 10 mg/ml is administered, titrated at a speed of 20 - 40 mg Propofol every 10 seconds, until unconsciousness occurs. Most adults less than 55 years of age would normally require a total dose of 1.5 - 2.5 mg Propofol/kg of body weight.

For patients in risk groups ASA III and IV, especially in the case of prior cardiac damage and elderly patients, it may be necessary to reduce the total dosage of Propofol 10 mg/ml down to 1 mg Propofol/kg of body mass, whereby Propofol 10 mg/ml is administered at a slower infusion speed (approximately 20 mg Propofol every 10 seconds).

Maintenance of anaesthesia

The anaesthesia can be maintained with a long-term infusion or repeated bolus injections of Propofol 10 mg/ml.

Continuous infusion

For maintenance of anaesthesia by means of continuous infusion, the dosage and infusion speed must be adjusted for each individual. Normally, the dosage is 4 - 12 mg Propofol/kg of body mass per hour in order to maintain a satisfactory level of anaesthesia.

In the case of elderly patients in a poor general state of health or with hypovolemia and patients in the risk groups ASA III and IV, the dosage may be reduced down to 4 mg Propofol/kg of body mass per hour.

Repeated bolus injection

For maintenance of anaesthesia by means of repeated bolus injection, generally 25 - 50 mg Propofol (2.5 - 5 ml Propofol 10 mg/ml) are subsequently injected.

Anaesthesia in children from 1 month of age

Induction of anaesthesia

For the induction of anaesthesia, Propofol 10 mg/ml is titrated slowly until clinical signs can be seen that indicate the start of anaesthesia. The dose should be adjusted based on the age and/or body weight. Most children over 8 years of age require approximately 2.5 mg Propofol/kg of body mass for induction of anaesthesia. In the case of younger children, especially those in the age range of 1 month to 3 years, the required dose may be higher (2.5 - 4 mg Propofol/kg of body mass). Lower doses are recommended for patients in the risk groups ASA III and IV.

Maintenance of anaesthesia

Maintenance of the required depth of anaesthesia can be achieved with the administration of Propofol 10 mg/ml by means of an infusion or repeated bolus administration. The required dosage rates vary considerably among patients, however a satisfactory state of anaesthesia is normally achieved at doses in the range of 9 - 15 mg Propofol/kg of body mass per hour. In the case of younger children, especially those in the age range of 1 month to 3 years, the required dose may be higher.

Lower doses are recommended for patients in the risk groups ASA III and IV.

Sedation of patients over 16 years of age during intensive care.

For the sedation of ventilated patients during intensive care, Propofol 10 mg/ml should be administered as a continuous infusion. The dosage is based on the desired depth of sedation. Normally, the desired depths of sedation can be achieved with doses in the range of 0.3 - 4.0 mg Propofol/kg of body mass per hour.

Propofol 10 mg/ml may not be used for the sedation of children aged 16 years or younger as part of intensive care.

The administration of Propofol 10 mg/ml by means of a TCI system is not recommended for sedation as part of intensive care.

Sedation of adults for surgical and diagnostic procedures

During the administration of Propofol 10 mg/ml, the patient must be continually monitored for signs of a decrease in blood pressure, respiratory tract obstruction and oxygen deficiency and the customary emergency equipment for accidents must be kept ready.

For induction of anaesthesia, generally 0.5 - 1.0 mg Propofol/kg of body mass are administered for 1 - 5 minutes. For the maintenance of anaesthesia, the dosage is determined based on the desired depth of sedation and is generally in the range between 1.5 and 4.5 mg Propofol/kg of body mass per hour. In addition to the infusion, 10 - 20 mg may be injected as a bolus if a quick increase in the depth of sedation is necessary. A lower dosage and slower administration may be necessary for