



Magnesium SOP

Para - PGD

Further reading

https://bnf.nice.org.uk/drug/magnesium-sulfate.html BTS/SIGN asthma guidelines 2019

NICE guideline: Pre-eclampsia and eclampsia 2019

GNAAS Magnesium PGD



Indications

- i) Acute severe asthma
- ii) Severe pre-eclampsia or eclampsia
- iii) Torsade de pointes
- iv) Refractory tachyarrhythmias

Effects and side-effects

May cause vasodilation, hypotension, bronchodilation, muscle weakness, confusion, nausea and vomiting.

Presentation

A clear colourless solution in ampoules containing 1g magnesium sulfate in 10mls for intravenous use. May be given via nebuliser as mentioned below.

Administration

Acute severe asthma

Adult - Single dose of 2g IV/IO given over 20 minutes

Children - 150mg (1.5ml) in to each nebuliser mask, or single dose of 40mg/kg (max 2g) IV/IO over 20 minutes if not already given by nebuliser

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Severe pre-eclampsia (BP>160/110) or eclampsia

Single dose 4g IV/IO administered over 5-15 minutes

Torsade de pointes / Refractory tachyarrhythmia

Single dose 2g IV/IO administered over 10-15 minutes

Contraindications

No specific contraindications