SODIUM DIHYDROGEN PHOSPHATE (also known as Phosphate Sodium Monobasic Dihydrate)

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Trade Name	Sodium Dihydrogen Phosphate Injection 1mmol/mL (Biomed)				
Class	Electrolyte supplement (sodium and phosphate)				
Mechanism of Action	Phosphates participate in bone deposition, calcium metabolism and utilisation of B complex vitamins. Sodium dihydrogen phosphate may also be used in combination with sodium chloride for maintenance of serum sodium which is the principal extracellular cation, important for osmotic pressure control and water distribution and to bufferr in acid-base balance.				
Indications	Hypophosphatemia <1.5mmol/L (including rickets and osteomalacia) Refeeding syndrome in extremely preterm infants (low phosphate/ potassium/magnesium and high calcium/glucose/sodium) Hyponatraemia – oral supplement when the phosphate is also low, the ALP is elevated and HMF is contraindicated				
Contraindications	Hyperphosphataemia, hyperkalemia, hypocalcaemia, hypomagnesaemia, hypernatraemia. Caution in impaired renal function, cardiac disease, and adrenal insufficiency. Dehydration.				
Supplied As	Oral: 1mmol/mL IV solution repacked by pharmacy for oral use IV: 1mmol/mL, 20mL ampoules				
Dilution	Oral: No need to dilute IV: Solution must be diluted into a 10% dextrose sideline for continuous intravenous administration. Peripheral IV Infusion:				
	Drug	10% Dextrose	Final Volume	Concentration	
	1mmol (1mL)	19mL	20mL	0.05 mmol/mL	
	Central IV Infusion:				
	Drug	10% Dextrose	Final Volume	Concentration	
	2 mmol (2mL)	18mL	20mL	0.1 mmol/mL	
Dosage	If level is 1-1.4 mmol/L start with 1mmol/kg/day If level is <1 mmol/L start with 2mmol/kg/day Maximum oral dose daily routinely not to exceed 2mmol/kg If on milk feeds - give with the feeds If not on milk feeds - make the volume up to 0.5mL with sterile water Target levels are at least >1.5mmol/L and ≥ 2mmol/L in those <28				
	weeks as they transition on to milk feeds				

Dosage	IV replacement if Phosphate is <1.0mmol/L and unable to replace orally which is the preferred, more effective method	
	 Increase the daily TPN rate Requesting an individual TPN bag will with higher phosphate will usually not substantially increase what is already being given IV infusion - 0.5mmol/kg/day of NaH₂PO₄ as a 24 hour infusion and repeat until the phosphate is >1.0mmol/L. 	
	Eg: 800g baby to be given 0.5mmol/kg NaH ₂ PO ₄ = 0.4mmol NaH ₂ PO ₄ Peripheral Make up a 0.05mmol/mL solution Give 8mls over 24hrs = 0.33ml/hr	
	Eg: 1.2kg baby to be given 0.5mmol/kg NaH ₂ PO ₄ = 0.6mmol NaH ₂ PO ₄ Central Make up a 0.1mmol/mL solution Give 6 mls over 24hrs = 0.25ml/hr	
Interval	Oral: usually 6 hourly	
	IV: Infuse over at least 6 hours	
Administration	Oral: injection solution repacked by pharmacy, 1mmol/ml Must not be given IM or IV bolus	
Compatible With	Solution:	
Companion With	Sodium chloride 0.9%, Dextrose 5%,	
	Terminal Y-site*:	
	Dexmedetomidine, metronidazole,milrinone, octreotide, ondansetron, pamidronate,pancuronium, piperacillin tazobactam, vasopressin, voriconazole	
	*Data on IV compatibility of sodium dihydrogen phosphate is very limited, use a separate line whenever possible.	
Incompatible With	Amiodarone, amphotericin, calcium chloride, calcium gluconate, ciprofloxacin, magnesium, meropenem.	
	If given IV then the infusion needs to be run through a separate IV line from the TPN as they are not compatible	
	Avoid giving at the same time of day as oral ciprofloxacin	
	Dextrose 10% in sodium chloride 0.9% (dextrose saline)	
	Any Ca or Mg containing drugs	
Monitoring	Serum calcium, phosphate, potassium, sodium, magnesium and urine output should be monitored	
	If HMF and sodium dihydrogen phosphate are used concurrently or if on ≥ 2mmol/kg/day phosphate, the baby needs monitoring of the phosphate and calcium levels twice a week and a change to monotherapy should occur as soon as able.	
	Otherwise weekly levels should be sufficient	
Stability	Oral solution: 7 days in the fridge IV: 24 hours – do not use cloudy solutions	

Storage	Oral solutions should be stored in the fridge.		
Adverse Reactions	Oral: nausea and diarrhoea.		
Metabolism	Oral: excreted in faeces. IV: excreted in the urine with over 80% dose reabsorbed by the kidney		
Comments	Infusing sodium dihydrogen phosphate (NaH ₂ PO ₄) for hypophosphataemia is preferred over potassium dihydrogen phosphate (KH ₂ PO ₄) as it removes the risks of infusing potassium.		
	If a blood sample is haemolysed then an accurate phosphate result is not able to be obtained. The lab will not give a definite value but will give the highest value it may be with the true value likely to be lower. For example result may be <1.2. If a true level is needed then repeat with a non-haemolysed sample.		
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