

GLUCAGON (Comment)

Continuous infusion

The *Neonatal Formulary* has, for the last seven years, advised clinicians not to use the diluent provided by the manufacturer when giving a sustained infusion of glucagon either to control hypoglycaemia or to counteract the adverse effects of excessive beta-blocker use, because of the phenol it contains. Several other UK and US reference texts have contained the same warning. This note serves to assure readers that this precaution is no longer necessary. The 1.1 ml of diluent in the prefilled syringe that now comes with the GlucaGen HypoKit[®] in the UK is sterilised water, while the diluent used in the US only contains 12 mg/ml of glycerine and a little hydrochloric acid (to marginally adjust the pH).

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