

National Standard for User-applied Labelling of Injectable Medicines, Fluids and Lines

Label guide

Containers – open-practice environment

Bag, bottle and syringe labels (two sizes available)

Intrathecal

For IntraTHECAL Use Only

Patient DOB

ID DOB

Medicine/s	Amount (units)	÷	Volume (mL)	=	Conc (units/mL)

Diluent

Date Prepared by
Time Checked by

Regional

For REGIONAL Use Only

Type Patient

ID DOB

Medicine/s	Amount (units)	÷	Volume (mL)	=	Conc (units/mL)

Diluent

Date Prepared by
Time Checked by

Epidural

For EPIDURAL Use Only

Patient DOB

ID DOB

Medicine/s	Amount (units)	÷	Volume (mL)	=	Conc (units/mL)

Diluent

Date Prepared by
Time Checked by

Subcutaneous

For Subcutaneous Use Only

Patient DOB

ID DOB

Medicine/s	Amount (units)	÷	Volume (mL)	=	Conc (units/mL)

Diluent

Date Prepared by
Time Checked by

Intravenous

For IntraVENOUS Use Only

Patient DOB

ID DOB

Medicine/s	Amount (units)	÷	Volume (mL)	=	Conc (units/mL)

Diluent

Date Prepared by
Time Checked by

Miscellaneous route

ROUTE

Patient DOB

ID DOB

Medicine/s	Amount (units)	÷	Volume (mL)	=	Conc (units/mL)

Diluent

Date Prepared by
Time Checked by

Intra-arterial

For Intra-ARTERIAL Use Only

Patient DOB

ID DOB

Medicine/s	Amount (units)	÷	Volume (mL)	=	Conc (units/mL)

Diluent

Date Prepared by
Time Checked by

Enteral

For Enteral Use Only

Patient DOB

ID DOB

Medicine/s	Amount (units)	÷	Volume (mL)	=	Conc (units/mL)

Diluent

Date Prepared by
Time Checked by

Inhalation

For Inhalation Use Only

Patient DOB

ID DOB

Medicine/s	Amount (units)	÷	Volume (mL)	=	Conc (units/mL)

Diluent

Date Prepared by
Time Checked by

0.9% sodium chloride flush

Sodium Chloride 0.9%

Containers – closed-practice environment (e.g. perioperative sterile field)

Example preprinted abbreviated container labels*

Chlorhexidine Alcoholic 0.5%	Povidone-Iodine Aqueous 5%	Paraffin Liquid	Sodium Chloride for Irrigation 0.9%
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Sodium Chloride for Injection 0.9%	Medicine..... Conc (units/mL).....	Medicine..... Conc (units/mL).....
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Sodium Chloride for Injection 0.9%	Betamethasone Sodium Phosphate	Clonidine	Verapamil
Gentamicin	Atropine	Heparin 25 units/mL	Adrenaline 1 in 10,000
Vancomycin	Lignocaine	Heparin 1,000 units/mL	Lignocaine Adrenaline
Contrast	Morphine	Heparin 25,000 units/mL	Ropivacaine Adrenaline

Conduits – burette label*

Burette Label for IntraVENOUS Use

Patient DOB

ID DOB

Medicine/s	Amount (units)	÷	Volume (mL)	=	Conc (units/mL)

Date Prepared by
Time Checked by

Line and catheter route labels

Intrathecal

IntraTHECAL **IntraTHECAL**

Catheter commenced: Date
Time

Epidural

EPIDURAL **EPIDURAL**

Catheter commenced: Date
Time

Regional

REGIONAL **REGIONAL**

Catheter commenced: Date
Time

Intra-arterial

Intra-ARTERIAL **Intra-ARTERIAL**

Commenced: Date
Time

Intravenous

IntraVENOUS **IntraVENOUS**

Commenced: Date
Time

Central venous

CENTRAL VENOUS **CENTRAL VENOUS**

Commenced: Date
Time

Subcutaneous

Subcutaneous **Subcutaneous**

Commenced: Date
Time

Miscellaneous route

Route
Commenced: Date
Time

Catheter lock*

Catheter Lock

Medicine.....
Date.....

Lumen	Final amount (units)
Arterial lumen.....	
Venous lumen.....	

Remove medicine used as a 'lock' from lumen(s) prior to catheter use.

Enteral

Enteral **Enteral**

Commenced: Date
Time

Medicine line labels

Example preprinted medicine labels for dedicated continuous infusion lines

Fentanyl	propOFol
Insulin	Midazolam
Noradrenaline	Urokinase

*Use 'peel-off' adhesive for the burette label, catheter lock label, and all abbreviated container labels used on reusable containers on the sterile field (e.g. stainless steel basins).

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