

levETIRAcetam (Keppra) 15 mg/mL in 0.9% NaCl IV syringe (PEDS)

***Use this mixing instruction sheet only when levETIRAcetam (Keppra) 1,500 mg/100 mL 0.9% NaCl premix bag is unavailable.**

SUPPLIES

include quantity and medication name, strength/concentration, volume, diluent, diluent volume, and quantity and name of each supply needed

NS flush syringes are never to be used for reconstitution/diluent for medication.

Reconstituted solution is for single patient use only.

- Three (3) levETIRAcetam 500 mg/5 mL injection vials
- One (1) 0.9% NaCl 100 mL bag
- Alcohol swabs
- Three (3) 18-gauge needles preferred (20-23 gauge needles acceptable)
- Two (2) 20 mL sterile IV syringe
- One (1) appropriate sterile IV syringe size if ordered dose volume is less than or equal to 50 mL
- One (1) empty, sterile IV container 100 mL and one (1) 50 mL sterile IV syringe if ordered dose volume is greater than 50 mL
- Nursing IV admixture label(s) – Lawson # 626

STEPS

explicitly state each step in chronological order, including hand washing, gown/garb, alcohol swab, etc.)

1. Wash hands. Prepare/clean the designated mixing area.
2. Flip the cap off of the levETIRAcetam 500 mg/5 mL injection vials, wipe the rubber stoppers with alcohol swab and wipe the injection port of 0.9% NaCl bag.
3. Attach 18 gauge needle to syringe. Withdraw 15 mL from 0.9% NaCl 100 mL bag and discard syringe with needle into a sharp container.
4. Attach 18 gauge needle to syringe. Withdraw a total of 15 mL from the levETIRAcetam 500 mg/5 mL injection vials and transfer into the 0.9% NaCl bag. Discard syringe with needle into a sharp container.
5. Gently invert bag to mix. Do not shake. Visually inspect solution (e.g. free of inappropriate visible particulates or other foreign matter, discoloration, and defect), and the container integrity is intact. Discard if any defects.
6. Label the levETIRAcetam 1,500 mg/100 mL 0.9% NaCl floor stock bag with:
 - a. Drug name, strength, and dose (if not apparent by the container)
 - b. Diluent and volume (if not apparent by the container)
 - c. Hang-by date and time (**administration must begin within 1 hour from the time of compounding**)
 - d. Initials of person compounding
7. Attach 18 gauge needle to syringe and withdraw patient-specific ordered dose volume from floor stock bag and transfer into:
 - a. A syringe if ordered dose volume is less than or equal to 50 mL
 - b. An empty IV container 100 mL if ordered dose volume is greater than 50 mL. Wipe the injection port of the empty container prior to transferring dose.
8. Discard the floor stock bag once dose is withdrawn.
9. Visually inspect syringe containing patient-specific dose for particulate matter/defects. Discard if any defects.
10. Label the final IV syringe/IVPB with the following information:
 - a. Patient name and location
 - b. Drug name, strength, and dose (if not apparent by the container)
 - c. Diluent and volume (if not apparent by the container)
 - d. Hang-by date and time (**administration must begin within 1 hour from the time of dose withdrawn from floor stock bag**)
 - e. Initials of person compounding

Single-Patient Nurse Mixing Instruction Sheet

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