**FLUMAZENIL**

**PRESENTATION:** Ampoule: 100 microgram/mL (5mL in each ampoule)

**ACTION & INDICATION:** Benzodiazepine antagonist. Reverses the central sedative effects of benzodiazepines.

**DOSE:**
- 10 microgram/kg
- Repeat every 60 seconds to a total of 40 microgram/kg
- Infusion: 2-10 microgram/kg/hr

**PREPARATION:**
- Diluent: Water for Injections.
- Take 1mL and dilute to 10mL
- = 10 microgram/mL

**ADMINISTRATION:**
- Intravenous: rapid injection into large vein
- IV infusion

**ADVERSE EFFECTS:** Nausea, vomiting

**COMMENTS:** Repeated doses may be required as flumazenil has a short duration of action.

**REFERENCES:**
- Paediatric Pharmacopoeia 13th Ed Royal Children’s Hospital Melbourne
- BNF for Children 2013
- Neofax 2012

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