### DRUG:
PALIVIZUMAB

### PRESENTATION:
Vial: 50mg powder (plus 1mL Water for Injection diluent)
Vial: 100mg powder (plus 1mL Water for Injection diluent)

### ACTION & INDICATION:
Humanised IgG, anti RSV, monoclonal antibody. For immunoprophylaxis against severe RSV lower respiratory tract infections in high risk infants. May be used as “rescue” therapy for life threatening RSV infection.

### DOSE:
15mg/kg/dose
Repeat dose monthly during RSV season (usually May-October).
Supplemental dose may be required following cardiac surgery.

### PREPARATION:
Use solution provided by CIVAS or
For 50mg vial:
Add 0.6mL diluent provided to vial
= 50mg in 0.5mL
For 100mg vial:
Add 1.0mL diluent provided to vial
=100mg in 1mL
Swirl gently. Do not shake or agitate the vial
Let stand at room temperature for a minimum of 20 minutes until solution clears

### ADMINISTRATION:
IM: In the anterolateral aspect of the thigh
Give injection volumes > 1mL in divided doses

### ADVERSE EFFECTS:
Induration and swelling at injection
URTI, otitis media, fever, rhinitis, rash, cough, diarrhoea, wheeze
Cyanosis, arrhythmia in patients with congenital heart disease.
Rare: anaphylaxis and hypersensitivity reactions

### COMMENTS:
Administer as soon as possible after dose is withdrawn from vial. Use contents of vial within 3 hours of reconstitution
Discard vial immediately after use

### REFERENCES:
Neofax 2013

### DATE:
October 2013