

Home Health VNA
IV Medication Clinical Fact Sheet

IV Medication: Levothyroxine - L-Thyroxine Risk Level: n/a
Med Class: Hormone (Thyroid)

Common Uses: Hypothyroidism, Myxedema coma
Labs to Monitor: Thyroid function tests, glucose values, PT/INR if on

Instructions/Precautions: Any IV dose should be 50-75% of established oral dose; IV Push 100mcg per minute; Read label carefully (available in different strengths); Do not add to other IV solutions; Protect from light once mixed, only stable for 4 hours; Side effects: Abd. cramps, angina, arrhythmias, chest pain, diarrhea, palpitations, heat intolerance, increase in P & BP, insomnia, tachycardia, weight loss.

First Dose Allowed:	Y
Central Line Only:	N
IV Push:	Y
Vesicant:	N

See Procedure Manual: n/a

Notes: Only drugs listed as First Dose Allowed may be given in the home as a first dose and are considered for a first dose on a case by case basis by the IV Program Manager
The IV Manager and/or Clinical Director must be consulted before a first dose referral is accepted

Risk Levels: n/a = Routinely given; Clinician must be approved to administer IV medications
1= IV Program Mgr or Clinical Director approval before referral is accepted
2= IV Program Mgr notification; Clinicians must review Special Instructions

