

**Home Health VNA
IV Medication Clinical Fact Sheet**

IV Medication: Epoprostenol / Veletri / Flolan Risk Level: 1

Med Class: Prastacyclin Vasodilator

Common Uses: Pulmonary arterial hypertension;
scleroderma 2nd to PAH; Raynaud's
disease; anticoagulations with CVVHD

Labs to Monitor: BUN, Cr, LFTs

Instructions/Precautions: Requires specialized training for assigned nurse. Must be initiated in the hospital; pre-d/c teaching re med adverse effects, precautions to be reinforced in home; responsible caregiver required; given as continuous infusion, back up pump required, peripheral IV start kit should be present in the home in case of line failure; check that pump alarms are audible; interruptions in infusion can cause rebound pulm htn or R ventricular failure; draw blood from different line; DO NOT FLUSH LINE. If line fails, start peripheral line and send to ED. Adverse Reactions: N/V, H/A, hypotension, flushing, chest pain, anxiety, dizziness, bradycardia, dyspnea, abd pain, MS pain, tachycardia. Caution when given with diuretics, antihypertensives, vasodilators, antiplatelet agents or anticoagulants, digoxin (dig toxicity)

First Dose Allowed:

N
Y
N
N

Central Line Only:

Y
N
N

IV Push:

N
N

Vesicant:

N
N

See Procedure Manual: See PDR.net document for complete drug information

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