

Alloferin advertisement.

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Muscle relaxation - pure and simple



«Alloferin» Prescribing information

Indication:

Muscle relaxation
for surgical and
anaesthetic procedures.

Dosage: Response is
variable, but as a guide: Adults: 0.20–0.25 mg/kg
intravenously for approximately 20–30 minutes
relaxation, 0.30 mg/kg for approximately
40 minutes relaxation. These doses may be
repeated as necessary. Children: 0.125 to
0.2 mg/kg bodyweight. **Contra-indications:**

Hypersensitivity to alcuronium, myasthenia
gravis, myasthenic (Eaton-Lambert) syndrome.

Precautions: Dosage requirements may be
altered in renal impairment, hepatic and
neuromuscular diseases, and by concomitant use
of antibiotics of the polymyxin and
aminoglycoside groups, volatile anaesthetics,
drugs with local anaesthetic properties,
ganglion-blockers, electrolytes (Mg, Na, K, Ca).
Side-effects:
Hypotension and, less frequently, tachycardia.
Some cases of hypotension have been
recorded. **Presentation:** Ampoules containing
10 mg alcuronium chloride in 2 ml packings of 10.
Basic NHS Cost: «Alloferin» ampoules 10 mg x 10,
£ 4.58. **Licence Number:** 0031/5000. «Alloferin»
is a Trade Mark.

In both short and prolonged surgery

A single dose of «Alloferin»
(0.20–0.25 mg/kg) provides mus-
cle relaxation for approximately
20–30 minutes² and a 0.30 mg/kg
dose gives about 40 minutes of
relaxation. The relaxation can be
maintained for longer procedures
with 'no noticeable accumulation'
of «Alloferin»³, and the number of
repeat doses required is similar to
that with tubocurarine or pancu-
ronium⁴.

Considerable cardiovascular stability

«Alloferin» allows blood pressure
and heart rate to be kept within
acceptable limits in most patients
due to lack of marked histamine-
releasing, ganglion-blocking or
vagolytic actions^{2,5,6}.

Easy reversal for uncomplicated recovery

«Alloferin» has been found to be
easier to reverse with neostigmine
than either pancuronium or tubo-
curarine⁴.

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A useful
muscle-relaxant
for routine use¹

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