

Notification: change of eviQ default paclitaxel diluent from glucose 5% to sodium chloride 0.9% - Dec 2018

The default diluent for paclitaxel in eviQ protocols will be changed from glucose 5% to sodium chloride 0.9% to reflect clinical practice and longer stability data in sodium chloride 0.9%. These changes will be made in the relevant protocols from 7th Dec 2018.

Please note that diluents, volumes and routes of administration, included in eviQ protocols are listed as defaults. They may vary between institutions and can be substituted to reflect individual institutional policy. Glucose 5% is still a suitable option for paclitaxel.

Summary of the available stability information for paclitaxel (as at October 2018)					
Paclitaxel reference	Diluent	Below 25°C		2 to 8°C (refrigerate- do not freeze)	
		Non- PVC bag	Glass bottle	Non- PVC bag	Glass bottle
Anzatax PI	Sodium chloride 0.9%	7 days	3 days	28 days	14 days
	Glucose 5%	7 days	3 days	14 days	14 days
Paclitaxel Accord/ ACT (Juno)/ AN (Juno)/ Paclitaxin PI	Sodium chloride 0.9%	n/a	14 days	n/a	14 days
	Glucose 5%	n/a	7 days	n/a	7 days
Paclitaxel ebewe (Sandoz) PI	Sodium chloride 0.9%	n/a	n/a	14 days	14 days
	Glucose 5%	n/a	n/a	14 days	14 days
AIDH	Sodium chloride 0.9%	7 days	n/a	14 days	n/a
	Glucose 5%	7 days	n/a	14 days	n/a

AIDH note- 'Longer stability information is available for some brands.'