

Labetalol Infusion

For use in Malignant Hypertension

- BP \geq 180/120
- Target to reduce diastolic BP to 100-110 mmHg over 6 hours
- Maximum decrease of 25% from baseline in 24 hours

Preparation:

- Remove 90 mL from a 250 mL bag of 5% glucose
- **Add 2 ampules of 100 mg/20mL labetalol** (i.e. 200 mg = 40 mL)
- You will now have 200 mg of labetalol in 200 mL of 5% glucose

Infusion:

- Commence at a rate of **15 mg/hour**
- Titrate up by 10-15 mg every 30 minutes to achieve desired aims as stated above.
- **Max 120 mg/hour**