

LIDOCAINE 1% (Lignocaine)

USE

Local anaesthetic effect for minor surgical procedures such as chest drain insertion

ADMINISTRATION

- 1% solution is injected as an intradermal bleb for skin anaesthesia
- 1% solution is injected directly into soft tissues for deeper tissue anaesthesia
- **Always** draw back on the syringe before injecting to make sure that you are not in a blood vessel as intravascular injection must be avoided

DOSE

In infants who weigh less than 1.5kg use **no more than 0.5ml in total**

In infants who weigh more than 1.5kg use **no more than 0.3ml per kg**

CAUTION

Overdose **or** direct intravascular injection of the standard dose may cause respiratory depression, convulsions, hypotension, bradycardia and cardiac arrest.