# **Trial medication preparation**

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#### **Trial medication**

Dexamethasone phosphate (in Denmark: Dexavit™, Vital Pharma Nordic), 1 bolus injection every 24 hours.

#### **General instructions**

Preparation of trial medication must be done by two members of the unblinded trial staff. First, the allocation (dexamethasone 12 mg or 6 mg) is checked by both trial staff in the eCRF. During each preparation, remember to note date, time, signatures, allocation, LOT- and BATCH numbers in the trial medication log.

### 12 mg dexamethasone

4 vials of dexamethasone phosphate (4 mg dexamethasone phosphate per vial corresponding to 3.33 mg dexamethasone per vial)

1x 10 ml or 20 ml of isotonic saline (0,9%)

1x 5 ml syringe

1x 2 ml syringe

2x needle

1x cork for the syringe

1x trial medication label with patient ID

1 alcohol swap

The following procedure should be witnessed and documented in the trial medication log by two unblinded trial staff members.

- 1. Note ID, date and allocation (12 mg) in the trial medication log (one log for each patient)
- 2. Apply hand sanitizer and put on gloves
- 3. Prepare the syringes by applying the needles
- 4. Withdraw 3.6 ml from the 4 vials of dexamethasone phosphate into the 5 ml syringe
- 5. Withdraw 1.4 ml of isotonic saline into the 2 ml syringe
- 6. Pull back the plunger to maximum on the 5 ml syringe
- 7. Inject the 1.4 ml of isotonic saline into the 5 ml syringe
- 8. Empty the 5 ml syringe of extra air
- 9. Visually inspect the solution for opacities
- 10. Apply cork and trial medication label with patient ID
- 11. Apply date and signature for trial medication preparation on the trial medication log (both unblinded trial staff members)
- 12. Place all needles and other sharps in the disposal container, and discard the remaining waste

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### 6 mg dexamethasone

2 vials of dexamethasone phosphate (4 mg dexamethasone phosphate per vial corresponding to 3.33 mg dexamethasone per vial)

1x 10 ml or 20 ml of isotonic saline (0,9%)

1x 5 ml syringe

1x 2 ml syringe

2x needle

1x cork for the syringe

1x trial medication label with patient ID

1 alcohol swap

The following procedure should be witnessed and documented in the trial medication log by two unblinded trial staff members.

- 1. Note ID, date and allocation (6 mg) in the trial medication log (one log for each patient)
- 2. Apply hand sanitizer and put on gloves
- 3. Prepare the syringes by applying the needles
- 4. Withdraw 1.8 ml from the 2 vials of dexamethasone phosphate into the 2 ml syringe
- 5. Withdraw 3.2 ml of isotonic saline into the 5 ml syringe
- 6. Pull back the plunger to maximum on the 5 ml syringe
- 7. Inject the 1.8 ml of dexamethasone phosphate into the 5 ml syringe
- 8. Empty the 5 ml syringe of extra air
- 9. Visually inspect the solution for opacities
- 10. Apply cork and trial medication label with patient ID
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- 12. Place all needles and other sharps in the disposal container, and discard the remaining waste

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### **Trial medication label**

COVID STEROID 2 trial medication for clinical trial  Dexamethasone 12 mg OR dexamethasone 6 mg
For injection
Patient name
Identification number
Date and time of preparation of trial medication
Signature
Must be stored at ≤ 25 °C
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