

# HNE AREA Intensive Care

Approved For: JHH and CMN ICU's and JHH HDU

## HYDRALAZINE

**Trade Name:** APRESOLINE

**Presentation:**

**Indications:** An antihypertensive agent, acting as a vasodilator. Commonly used in pregnancy induced hypertension, and post op care of aortic aneurysms

**Administration:** **Bolus dose:** dilute in normal saline to 1 mg per ml. Give at 1ml per minute

**Infusion:** 50 mg of hydralazine in 50 mls normal saline.

START RATE - 5 MLS PER HOUR.

MAX RATE - 60 MLS PER HOUR

May be administered by CVC or peripheral

**Dose** Loading dose 10-20mg. May be given hourly. Continuous IV infusion at 1mg per min max.

**Precautions**

**Compatibilities:**

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