

The concentration of furosemide in biological fluids associated with toxicity or death is not known.

Treatment of overdosage is supportive and consists of replacement of excessive fluid and electrolyte losses. Serum electrolytes, carbon dioxide level, and blood pressure should be determined frequently. Adequate drainage must be assured in patients with urinary bladder outlet obstruction (such as prostatic hypertrophy).

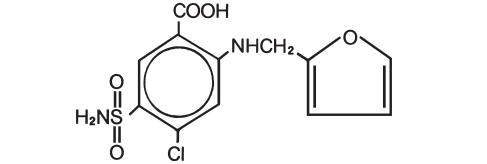
Hemodialysis does not accelerate furosemide elimination.

11 DESCRIPTION

Furosemide is a diuretic which is an anthranilic acid derivative.

Chemically, it is 4-chloro-N-furfuryl-5- sulfamoylan-thranilic acid.

Furosemide is a white to slightly yellow, odorless, crystalline powder. Practically insoluble in water; freely soluble in acetone, in dimethylformamide, and in solutions of alkali hydroxides; soluble in methanol; sparingly soluble in alcohol; slightly soluble in ether; very slightly soluble in chloroform. The structural formula is as follows:



C₁₂H₁₁ClN₂O₅S **M.W. 330.75**

Furosemide Injection, USP is a sterile, nonpyrogenic solution of furosemide in Water for Injection prepared with the aid of sodium hydroxide for intramuscular (IM) or intravenous (IV) use. Each mL contains: Furosemide 10 mg; sodium hydroxide 1.6 mg; Water for Injection q.s.; sodium chloride to adjust isotonicity; hydrochloric acid (q.s.) and/or sodium hydroxide (q.s.) to adjust pH between 8.0 and 9.3 if necessary.

12 CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY

12.1 Mechanism of Action

Furosemide inhibits primarily the reabsorption of sodium and chloride not only in the proximal and distal tubules but also in the loop of Henle. The high degree of efficacy is largely due to this unique site of action. The action on the distal tubule is independent of any inhibitory effect on carbonic anhydrase and aldosterone.

12.2 Pharmacodynamics

The onset of diuresis following intravenous administration is within 5 minutes and somewhat later after intramuscular administration. The peak effect occurs within the first half hour. The duration of diuretic effect is approximately 2 hours.

12.3 Pharmacokinetics

Distribution

Furosemide is extensively bound to plasma proteins, mainly to albumin.

Plasma concentrations ranging from 1 to 400 mcg/mL are 91 to 99% bound in healthy individuals. The unbound fraction averages 2.3 to 4.1% at therapeutic concentrations.

Elimination

The terminal half-life of furosemide is approximately 2 hours.

Metabolism

Recent evidence suggests that furosemide glucuronide is the only or at least the major biotransformation product of furosemide in man.

Excretion

Significantly more furosemide is excreted in urine following the intravenous injection than after the tablet or oral solution.

Specific Populations

Geriatric Patients

Furosemide binding to albumin may be reduced in elderly patients. Furosemide is predominantly excreted unchanged in the urine. The renal clearance of furosemide after intravenous administration

in older healthy male subjects (60 to 70 years of age) is statistically significantly smaller than in younger healthy male subjects (20 to 35 years of age). The initial diuretic effect of furosemide in older subjects is decreased relative to younger subjects [see *Use in Specific Populations* (8.5)].

Patients with Renal Impairment

One study in six subjects demonstrated that the combination of furosemide and acetylsalicylic acid temporarily reduced creatinine clearance in patients with chronic renal insufficiency. There are case reports of patients who developed increased BUN, serum creatinine and serum potassium levels, and weight gain when furosemide was used in conjunction with NSAIDs.

13 NONCLINICAL TOXICOLOGY

13.1 Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility

Carcinogenesis

Furosemide was tested for carcinogenicity by oral administration in one strain of mice and one strain of rats. A small but significantly increased incidence of mammary gland carcinomas occurred in female mice at a dose approximately 8 times a human i.v. dose of 80 mg based on BSA and oral bioavailability corrections. There were marginal increases in uncommon tumors in male rats at a dose of 15 mg/kg but not at 30 mg/kg.

Mutagenesis

Furosemide was devoid of mutagenic activity in various strains of *Salmonella typhimurium* when tested in the presence or absence of an *in vitro* metabolic activation system, and questionably positive for gene mutation in mouse lymphoma cells in the presence of rat liver S9 at the highest dose tested. Furosemide did not induce sister chromatid exchange in human cells *in vitro*, but other studies on chromosomal aberrations in human cells *in vitro* gave conflicting results. In Chinese hamster cells it induced chromosomal damage but was questionably positive for sister chromatid exchange. Studies on the induction by furosemide of chromosomal aberrations in mice were inconclusive. The urine of rats treated with this drug did not induce gene conversion in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*.

Impairment of Fertility

Furosemide produced no impairment of fertility in male or female rats, at 100 mg/kg/day (the maximum effective diuretic dose in the rat), approximately 7 times a human i.v. dose of 80 mg based on BSA and oral bioavailability corrections.

16 HOW SUPPLIED/STORAGE AND HANDLING

Store at room temperature 20°C to 25°C (68°F to 77°F); excursions permitted between 15°C and 30°C (59°F and 86°F). [See USP Controlled Room Temperature.] **Protect from light.**

Furosemide Injection, USP is a sterile, colorless solution for injection, available as a single-dose vial that contains 10 mg/mL of furosemide, and is supplied as follows:

Product Code	Unit of Sale	Strength	Volume	Each
28002	NDC 63323-280-02 Unit of 25	20 mg per 2 mL (10 mg per mL)	2 mL fill in a 2 mL amber vial.	NDC 63323-280-01 Single Dose Vial
28004	NDC 63323-280-04 Unit of 25	40 mg per 4 mL (10 mg per mL)	4 mL fill in a 5 mL amber vial.	NDC 63323-280-03 Single Dose Vial
28010	NDC 63323-280-10 Unit of 25	100 mg per 10 mL (10 mg per mL)	10 mL fill in a 10 mL amber vial.	NDC 63323-280-05 Single Dose Vial

Preservative Free.

Discard unused portion. Do not use if solution is discolored or contains particulate.

17 PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION

Fluid, Electrolyte, and Metabolic Abnormalities

Advise patients that they may experience symptoms from excessive fluid and/or electrolyte losses. The postural hypotension that sometimes occurs can usually be managed by getting up slowly. Potassium supplements and/or dietary measures may be needed to control or avoid hypokalemia [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.1)].

Advise patients that furosemide may increase blood glucose levels and thereby affect urine glucose tests [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.1)].

Photosensitivity

The skin of some patients may be more sensitive to the effects of sunlight while taking furosemide [see *Adverse Reactions* (6)].

Advise hypertensive patients to avoid medications that may increase blood pressure, including over-the-counter products for appetite suppression and cold symptoms [see *Drug Interactions* (7.1)].

For more information concerning this drug, please call Fresenius Kabi USA, LLC at 1-800-551-7176.

To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS, contact Fresenius Kabi USA, LLC at 1-800-551-7176 or FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or www.fda.gov/medwatch.



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