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Dopamine Dosage Chart

Dosage chart based on **400 mg dopamine in 250 ml glucose 5% or sodium chloride 0.9%** - concentration **1.6 mg / ml**.

To determine the infusion rate (ml / hour);

- Select patient weight on vertical scale
- Select the desired dosage on horizontal scale
- Read off the infusion rate of the body of the table (ml / hour)

Patient Weight (kg)	Dosage Required (micrograms / kg / minute)														
	1	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4	4.5	5	6	7	8	10	15	20
40 kg	1.5	2.3	3	3.8	4.5	5.3	6	6.8	7.5	9	10.5	12	15	22.5	30
45 kg	1.7	2.5	3.4	4.2	5.1	5.9	6.8	7.6	8.4	10.1	11.8	13.5	16.9	25.3	33.8
50 kg	1.9	2.8	3.8	4.7	5.6	6.6	7.5	8.4	9.4	11.3	13.1	15	18.8	28.1	37.5
55 kg	2.1	3.1	4.1	5.2	6.2	7.2	8.3	9.3	10.3	12.4	14.4	16.5	20.6	30.9	41.3
60 kg	2.3	3.4	4.5	5.6	6.75	7.9	9	10.1	11.3	13.5	15.8	18	22.5	33.8	45
65 kg	2.4	3.7	4.9	6.1	7.3	8.5	9.8	11	12.2	14.6	17.1	19.5	24.4	36.6	48.8
70 kg	2.6	3.9	5.3	6.6	7.9	9.2	10.5	11.8	13.1	15.8	18.4	21	26.3	39.4	52.5
75 kg	2.8	4.2	5.6	7	8.4	9.8	11.3	12.7	14.1	16.9	19.7	22.5	28.1	42.2	56.3
80 kg	3	4.5	6	7.5	9	10.5	12	13.5	15	18	21	24	30	45	60
85 kg	3.2	4.8	6.4	8.0	9.6	11.1	12.8	14.3	15.9	19.1	22.3	25.5	31.9	47.8	63.8
90 kg	3.4	5.1	6.8	8.4	10.1	11.8	13.5	15.2	16.9	20.3	23.6	27	33.8	50.6	67.5
95 kg	3.6	5.3	7.1	8.9	10.7	12.5	14.3	16	17.8	21.4	24.9	28.5	35.6	53.4	71.3
100 kg	3.8	5.6	7.5	9.4	11.3	13.1	15	16.9	18.8	22.5	26.3	30	37.5	56.3	75
105 kg	3.9	5.9	7.9	9.8	11.8	13.8	15.8	17.7	19.7	23.6	27.6	31.5	39.4	59.1	78.8
110 kg	4.1	6.2	8.3	10.3	12.4	14.4	16.5	18.6	20.6	24.8	28.9	33	41.3	61.9	82.5
115 kg	4.3	6.5	8.6	10.8	12.9	15.1	17.3	19.4	21.6	25.9	30.2	34.5	43.1	64.7	86.3
120 kg	4.5	6.8	9	11.3	13.5	15.8	18	20.3	22.5	27	31.5	36	45	67.5	90

For example: for an 80 kg patient requiring 5 micrograms / kg / minute, run infusion at 15 ml / hour.

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