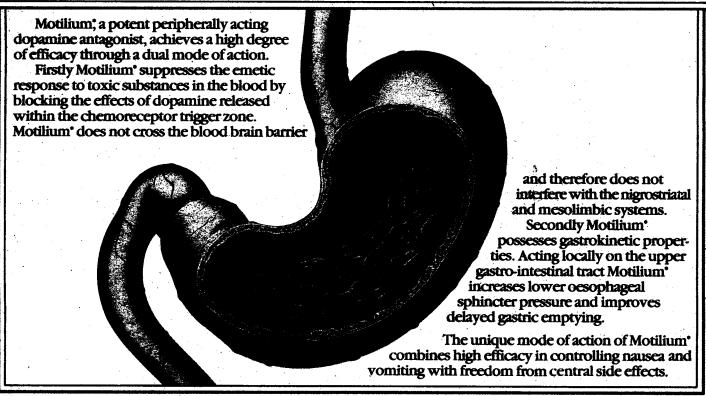


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MOTILIUM® Prescribing Information

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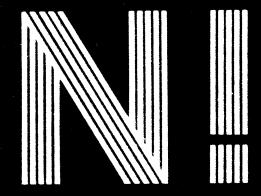
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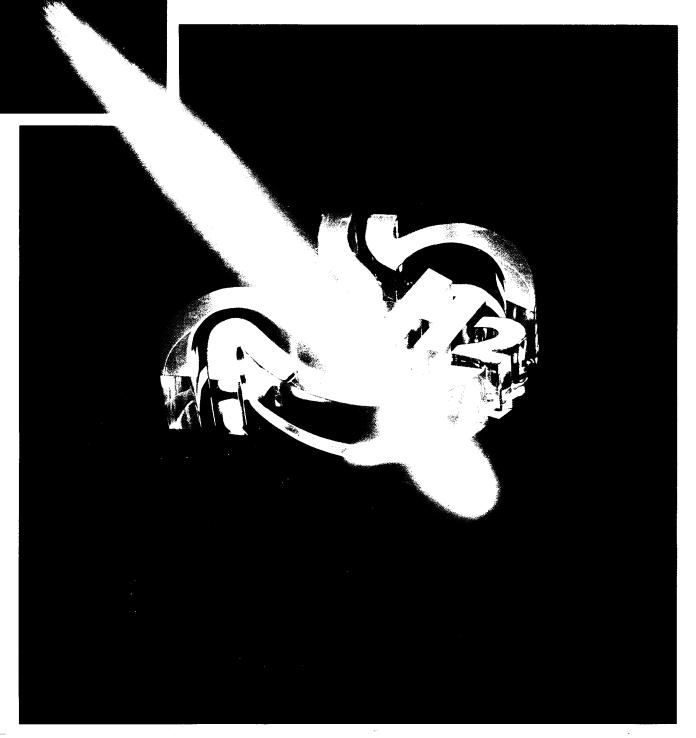
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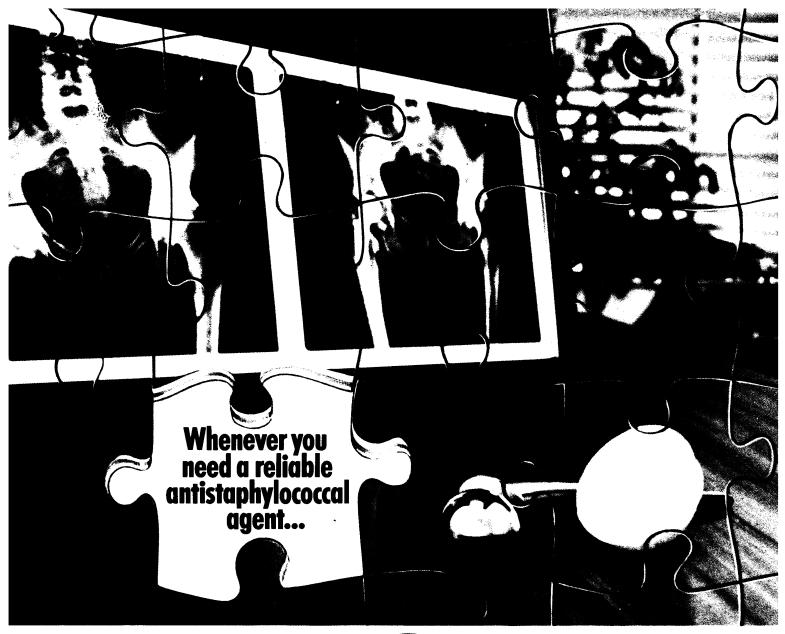
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Epoprostenol is a naturally occurring prostaglandin, which prevents platelets sticking to vessel walls and to each other.

The discovery of epoprostenol (or prostacyclin as it was called at the time) was a significant achievement of Wellcome prostaglandin research – a discovery which has since generated immense interest.

In 1975, Dr John Vane and colleagues embarked on a line of research to determine whether vessel walls synthesised thromboxane A_2 (TXA₂). The latter had already been shown to cause platelet aggregation and vasoconstriction.

In fact, Vane et al disproved the synthesis theory, but observed that the endoperoxide precursor of TXA_2 was being converted into another, unknown substance.

Further work showed this substance to be the biological counterpart of TXA₂, epoprostenol. It relaxed vessel walls and was found to be the most potent inhibitor of platelet aggregation known. So powerful, in fact, that it can also disaggregate platelet clumps.

For this, and other discoveries in the field of prostaglandins and related substances, Dr. Vane shared the 1982 Nobel Prize for Medicine.

Flolan is the synthetic sodium salt of epoprostenol.



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FLOLAN Prescribing information

Presentation In each pack is a vial containing 500 µg freeze-dried epoprostenol sodium, plus a 50 ml vial of sterile diluent containing Sodium Chloride BP 0.147% w/v and Glycine BP 0.188% w/v in clear solution.

Uses Flolan inhibits platelet aggregation. It is indicated for the preservation of platelet numbers and function during cardiopulmonary bypass and charcoal haemoperfusion, and as an alternative to heparin during renal dialysis.

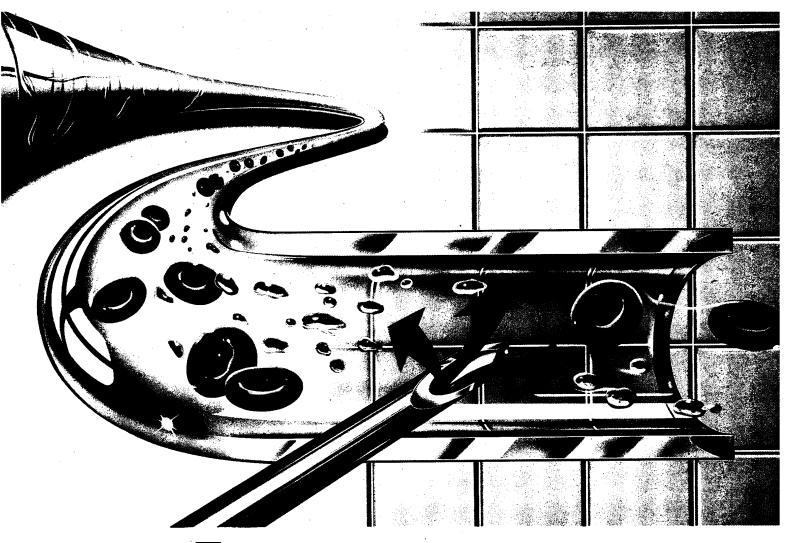
an alternative to heparin during renal dialysis. **Dosage and administration** Flolan is suitable for continuous infusion only, either intravascularly or into the blood supplying the extracorporeal circulation.

The dosage schedule varies according to the indication. For details see Data Sheet or pack leaflet.

Reconstitution must be performed aseptically, using only the diluent provided. For the method of reconstitution see Data Sheet or pack leaflet.

Contra-Indications. No recognised contra-indications.

Precautions Flolan should not be used to replace heparin in cardiopulmonary bypass or charcoal haemoperfusion but can do so in renal dialysis. However, standard anti-coagulant monitoring is advisable when concomitant anti-coagulants are administered. Haemorrhagic complication should be considered in patients with spontaneous or



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olan and other vasodilators may augment each other's hypotensive effects. he effects of Flolan on heart rate may be masked by concomitant use of drugs which ect cardiovascular reflexes

excessive hypotension occurs, the dose should be reduced or the infusion discontinued. e hypotensive effect of Flolan may be enhanced by the use of acetate buffer in the Ivsis bath during renal dialysis.

rated serum glucose levels have been reported occasionally.

In pregnancy and lactation The potential benefits must be weighed against the risks.

Side- and adverse effects Facial flushing is common. Headache and gastro-intestina symptoms including nausea, vomiting and abdominal colic have occurred. Bradycardia associated with a considerable fall in systolic and diastolic blood pressure has followed a dose of 30 ng/kg/min in healthy conscious volunteers. Bradycardia accompanied by pallor, nausea, sweating, and sometimes abdominal discomfort and orthostatic hypotension, has occurred in healthy volunteers at doses greater than 5 ng/kg/min. **Basic NHS cost** 1 pack containing 1 vial of Flolan + 1 vial of diluent £103.86 (PL3/0151)

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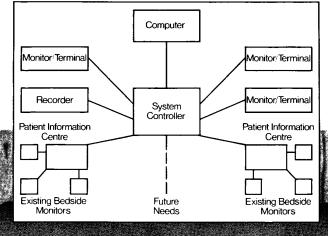
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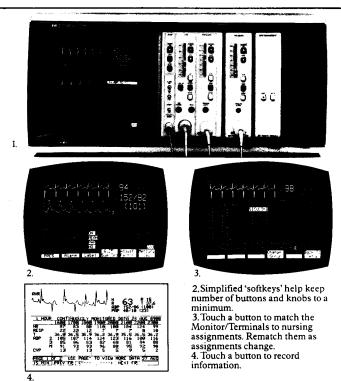
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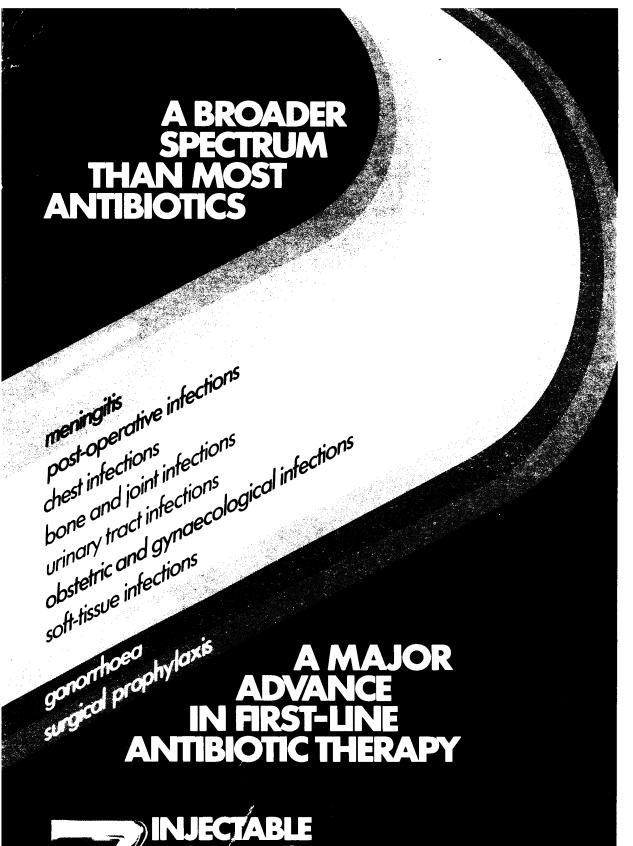
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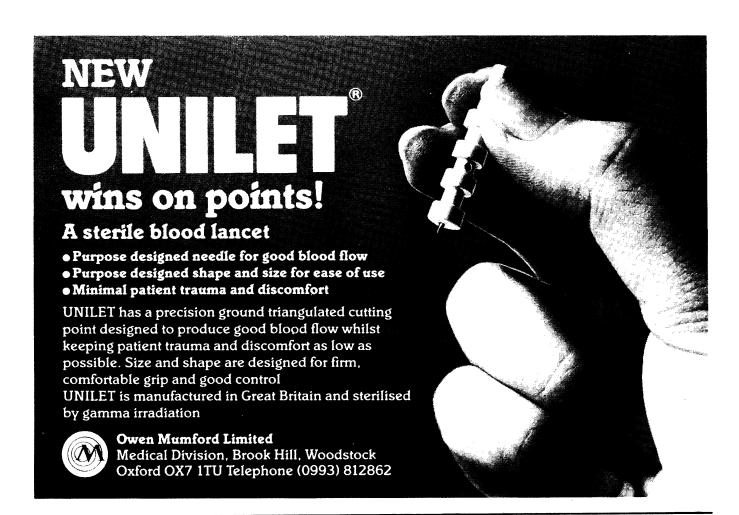
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