

# Reducing harm from high-risk medicines

Which heparin products do you have on the ward? Make sure you use the right strength

Heparin comes in a range of strengths from 10 units per mL to 25,000 units per mL ampoules. Choosing the wrong strength could harm your patient.

- Only keep as stock the strengths used regularly.
- Store unusual strengths in secure areas.
- Use pre-mix products where available.
- Take extra care selecting the product and reading the label – this is a high-risk medicine.



For more information, see: [www.open.hqsc.govt.nz/medication/heparin](http://www.open.hqsc.govt.nz/medication/heparin)



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