

# FLUPHENAZINE

SYNONYMS	Fluphenazine decanoate
BRAND NAME	MODECATE
DRUG CLASS	Antipsychotic, phenothiazine
AVAILABILITY	Ampoule contains 12.5 mg/0.5 mL, 25 mg/mL or 50 mg/2 mL of fluphenazine decanoate. Also contains sesame oil and benzyl alcohol. The solution is viscous and pale yellow. <sup>1</sup>
pH	No information
PREPARATION	Not required
STABILITY	Store below 25 °C. Do not refrigerate or freeze. <sup>1</sup>
ADMINISTRATION	
<b>IM injection</b>	Inject slowly deep into a large muscle. <sup>1</sup> Give a test dose of 12.5 mg to patients who have not previously been treated with long-acting antipsychotics to check for adverse effects. Use a lower dose for frail or elderly patients. Wait 4 to 10 days before starting the maintenance dose. <sup>2</sup>
<b>SUBCUT injection</b>	Not recommended
<b>IV injection</b>	Contraindicated <sup>1</sup>
<b>IV infusion</b>	Contraindicated <sup>1</sup>
COMPATIBILITY	Not applicable
INCOMPATIBILITY	No information

## REFERENCES

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