



# Safety Alert: Insulin errors in the ED



Do you know the insulin prescriptions for:  
Hyperkalemia?  
Sliding Scale or fixed rate?  
NRLS data proves we get it wrong...

**THEY ARE DIFFERENT**

HYPERKALEMIA INFUSION			INSULIN INFUSION		
50 MLS 50% Dextrose	Added by	Checked by	50 Units Actrapid Insulin	Added by	Checked by
10 Units Actrapid Insulin Infuse over 30 minutes			50 mls sodium chloride 0.9%		
Patient Name	Date	Time	Patient Name	Date	Time
Hospital No			Hospital No		

**Know it, check it, safety net it**