

## The Royal College of Emergency Medicine

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## 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			
50 MLS 50% Dextrose	Added by	Checked by	
10 Units Actrapid Insulin Infuse over 30 minutes			
Patient Name	Date	Time	
Hospital No			

INSULIN INFUSION			
50 Units Actrapid Insulin	Added by	Checked by	
50 mls sodium chloride 0.9%			
Patient Name	Date	Time	
Hospital No			

Know it, check it, safety net it

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