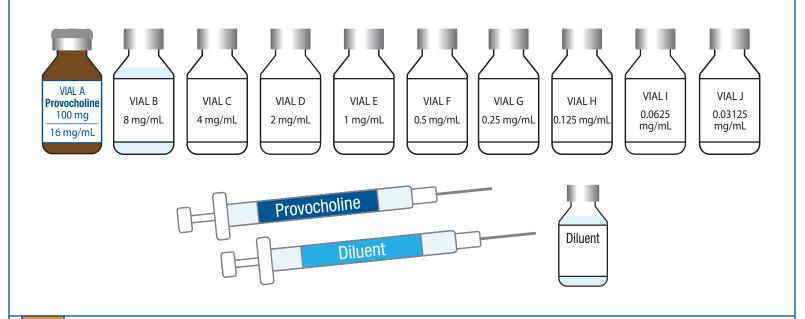
# Steps to Diluting Methacholine Chloride

Dilution Sequence Protocol for Provocholine 100 mg/vial (Canada DIN 02239656)

# **Getting Started**

- 1. Attach labels to the vials.
- 2. Wipe down the stoppers of the Provocholine vial, diluent vial(s), and sterile empty vials with alcohol prep pads.
- 3. Label two (2) appropriately sized syringes (one for Provocholine, one for diluent), and attach needles to each.





# **Preparing Vial A**

16 mg/mL Solution

- 1. Using the diluent needle and syringe, draw 6.25 mL of the diluent and transfer to the Provocholine 100 mg vial.
- 2. Shake well.

Diluent VIAL A Provocholine 100 mg 16 mg/mL

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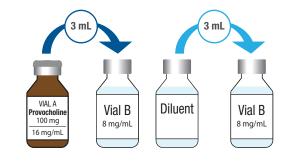


#### Preparing Vial B 8 mg/mL Solution

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- 1. Using the Provocholine needle and syringe, draw 3 mL from Vial A (16 mg/mL) and transfer to Vial B.
- 2. Using the diluent needle and syringe, draw 3 mL of diluent and transfer to Vial B.
- 3. Shake well.



# NOTE

1. Transfer all dilutions (in vials A through E) to nebulizer through the 0.22  $\mu m$  sterile bacterial retentive filter (Millex GV®).\*

2. Be sure to follow your institutional policy for needle and sharps safety.

\*Do not attach filter until AFTER solution has been drawn into syringe.



# **Preparing Vial C**

4 mg/mL Solution

- 1. Using the Provocholine needle and syringe, draw 3 mL from Vial B (8 mg/mL) and transfer to Vial C.
- 2. Using the diluent needle and syringe, draw 3 mL of diluent and transfer to Vial C.
- 3. Shake well.

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#### **Preparing Vial D**

2 mg/mL Solution

- 1. Using the Provocholine needle and syringe, draw 3 mL from Vial C (4 mg/mL) and transfer to Vial D.
- 2. Using the diluent needle and syringe, draw 3 mL of diluent and transfer to Vial D.
- 3. Shake well.



#### **Preparing Vial E**

1 mg/mL Solution

- 1. Using the Provocholine needle and syringe, draw 3 mL from Vial D (2 mg/mL) and transfer to Vial E.
- 2. Using the diluent needle and syringe, draw 3 mL of diluent and transfer to Vial E.
- 3. Shake well.



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# Preparing Vial F

0.5 mg/mL Solution

**Preparing Vial G** 

0.25 mg/mL Solution

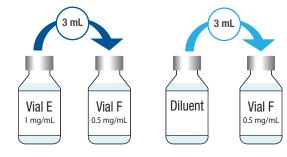
Vial F (0.5 mg/mL) and transfer to Vial G.

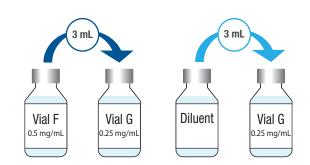
- 1. Using the Provocholine needle and syringe, draw 3 mL from Vial E (1 mg/mL) and transfer to Vial F.
- 2. Using the diluent needle and syringe, draw 3 mL of diluent and transfer to Vial F.

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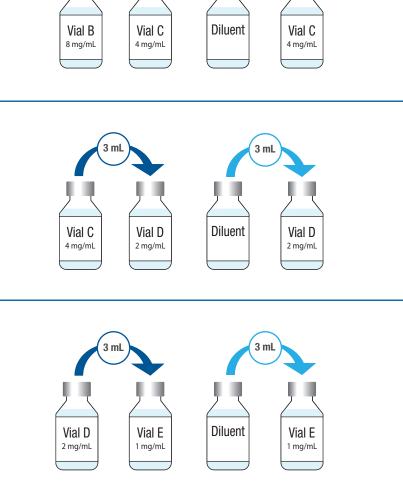
2. Using the diluent needle and syringe, draw 3 mL of diluent

3. Shake well.





and transfer to Vial G.



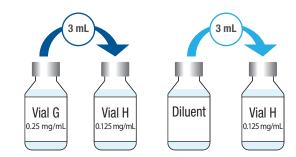
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#### **Preparing Vial H**

0.125 mg/mL Solution

- 1. Using the Provocholine needle and syringe, draw 3 mL from Vial G (0.25 mg/mL) and transfer to Vial H.
- 2. Using the diluent needle and syringe, draw 3 mL of diluent and transfer to Vial H.
- 3. Shake well.

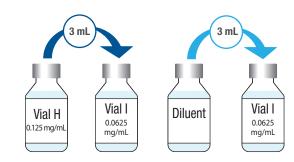


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# Preparing Vial I

0.0625 mg/mL Solution

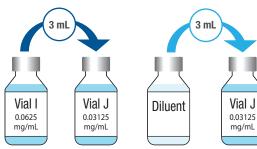
- 1. Using the Provocholine needle and syringe, draw 3 mL from Vial H (0.125 mg/mL) and transfer to Vial I.
- 2. Using the diluent needle and syringe, draw 3 mL of diluent and transfer to Vial I.
- 3. Shake well.



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### Preparing Vial J

- 0.03125 mg/mL Solution
- 1. Using the Provocholine needle and syringe, draw 3 mL from Vial I (0.0625 mg/mL) and transfer to Vial J.
- 2. Using the diluent needle and syringe, draw 3 mL of diluent and transfer to Vial J.
- 3. Shake well.



Vial	Concentration	<b>Final Volume</b>
Α	16 mg/mL	3.25 mL
В	8 mg/mL	3 mL
C	4 mg/mL	3 mL
D	2 mg/mL	3 mL
E	1 mg/mL	3 mL
F	0.5 mg/mL	3 mL
G	0.25 mg/mL	3 mL
Н	0.125 mg/mL	3 mL
I.	0.0625 mg/mL	3 mL
J	0.03125 mg/mL	6 mL

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- Provocholine powder should be stored at 59° to 86°F (15° to 30°C).
- Dilutions A through E (16 mg/mL through 0.0625 mg/mL) should be stored at 36° to 46°F (2° to 8°C) in a refrigerator for no more than 2 weeks.
- Be sure to remove the Provocholine dilutions from the refrigerator 30 minutes prior to testing to allow them to warm to room temperature (59° to 77°F or 15° to 25°C as per World Health Organization).

#### WARNING: SEVERE BRONCHOCONSTRICTION

Severe bronchoconstriction can result from Provocholine administration (including the lowest dose). The use of Provocholine is contraindicated in pediatric and adult patients with baseline  $FEV_1 < 70\%$  predicted or adults with  $FEV_1 < 1.5$  L. Because of thepotential for severe bronchoconstriction, the use of Provocholine in patients with clinically apparent asthma or wheezing is not recommended [see Warnings and Precautions (7) of the Product Monograph].

Emergency equipment and medication should be immediately available to treat acute respiratory distress. If severe bronchoconstriction occurs, reverse immediately with arapid-acting inhaled bronchodilator agent ( $\beta$ -agonist) [see Warnings and Precautions (7) of the Product Monograph].

If baseline spirometry is not performed or measured inaccurately, the initial  $FEV_1$  may be underestimated. In this situation, decreases in  $FEV_1$  may not be detected after administration of escalating Provocholine doses, which may result in administration of unnecessary higher doses and an increased risk for excessive bronchoconstriction [see *Warnings and Precautions (7) of the Product Monograph*].

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# Dilution Check Sheet and Control Record 100 mg - Provocholine

ATS "Long" - Doubling Doses

### **PROVOCHOLINE DILUTIONS FOR CHALLENGE TESTING**

Date	Prepared by	Checked by
Provocholine (see vial on label)	Lot Number	Expiration Date
Diluent	Lot Number	Expiration Date

Take Provocholine	Add diluent (Shake well!)	Obtain dilution	Vial name	Initial / Date
Provocholine 100 mg	6.25 mL	16 mg/mL	Vial A - 16 mg/mL	
3 mL from Vial A	3 mL	8 mg/mL	Vial B - 8 mg/mL	
3 mL from Vial B	3 mL	4 mg/mL	Vial C - 4 mg/mL	
3 mL from Vial C	3 mL	2 mg/mL	Vial D - 2 mg/mL	
3 mL from Vial D	3 mL	1 mg/mL	Vial E - 1 mg/mL	
3 mL from Vial E	3 mL	0.5 mg/mL	Vial F - 0.5 mg/mL	
3 mL from Vial F	3 mL	0.25 mg/mL	Vial G - 0.25 mg/mL	
3 mL from Vial G	3 mL	0.125 mg/mL	Vial H - 0.125 mg/mL	
3 mL from Vial H	3 mL	0.0625 mg/mL	Vial I - 0.0625 mg/mL	
3 mL from Vial I	3 mL	0.031 mg/mL	Vial J - 0.031 mg/mL	

This set of dilutions will expire on \_\_\_\_\_