

Sterile water should not be given "freely."

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This article reports on cases of improper IV administration of sterile water, a [high-alert substance](#), for the treatment of hypernatremia and provides risk reduction strategies for this potentially fatal error.