A simple guide to mixing emergency drugs for continuous infusion

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<td>6 x Body Weight (kg) equals mg of drug to be added to IV solution to make 100 ml D5W.</td>
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<td>1.5 mg added to 250 ml D5W (6ug/ml). Infusion of 1 ml/kg/hr delivers 0.1 ug/kg/min</td>
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Reference: Barkin, et. al. Pediatric Emergency Medicine, 2nd Ed.