

DRUG:	BENZYL PENICILLIN (PENICILLIN-G)
PRESENTATION:	Vial: 600mg
ACTION & INDICATION:	Antibiotic for treatment of susceptible organisms including Group B Streptococci, non- β lactamase – producing Staphylococci and congenital syphilis
DOSE:	<p>< 7 days 50 mg/kg/dose 12 hourly</p> <p>\geq 7 days 50mg/kg/dose 8 hourly</p> <p>For GBS septicaemia, meningitis</p> <p>< 7 days 50mg/kg/dose 12 hourly</p> <p>\geq 7 days 50mg/kg/dose 6 hourly</p> <p>Congenital syphilis:</p> <p>50mg/kg/dose 12 hourly</p> <p>Asymptomatic and normal CSF - 10 days therapy.</p> <p>Symptomatic - 14 days therapy</p>
PREPARATION:	<p>Diluent: Water for Injections</p> <p>Intravenous: Add 5.6mL diluent to vial = 100mg/mL</p> <p>Intramuscular: Add 1.6mL diluent to vial = 300mg/mL</p>
ADMINISTRATION:	<p>Intramuscular</p> <p>Intravenous: Infuse over 3-5 minutes</p>
ADVERSE EFFECTS:	<p>Hypersensitivity, rash</p> <p>Diarrhoea</p> <p>Seizures with high doses</p> <p>Haemolytic anaemia</p>
COMMENTS:	Discard reconstituted solution immediately after use
REFERENCES:	<p>BNF for Children 2009</p> <p>Neofax 2008</p> <p>Dr T Keil KEMH Microbiology</p> <p>Australian Injectable Drugs Handbook 4th Ed 2008</p>
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