

<b>DRUG:</b>	<b>CAPTOPRIL</b>
<b>PRESENTATION:</b>	Oral solution: 5mg/mL Oral solution: 1mg/mL(Prepared in Pharmacy).
<b>ACTION &amp; INDICATION:</b>	Angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitor Antihypertensive, may also be of benefit in the management of heart failure.
<b>DOSE:</b>	Initial dose 10 -50 microgram / kg / dose 8 hourly  Titrate dose according to response to a maximum dose of 500 microgram /kg /dose 8 hourly.
<b>ADMINISTRATION:</b>	Oral Extremely unpalatable - mix well with part of a feed if given orally (this is not necessary if being fed by intragastric tube).
<b>ADVERSE EFFECTS &amp; COMMENTS:</b>	Discard oral solution 28 days after opening bottle Use with caution Hypotension – monitor blood pressure pre-dose, then at ½, 1, 2, 3 and 5 hours after the first and second doses, and after any change in therapy. Thereafter 8 hourly. Rash, fever Gastrointestinal disturbances Monitor urea and electrolytes Hyperkalaemia – with potassium supplements or potassium sparing diuretics Contraindicated in bilateral renal artery stenosis Cough
<b>REFERENCES:</b>	Paediatric Pharmacopoeia 13 <sup>th</sup> Ed. Royal Children’s Hospital Melbourne Neonatal Pharmacopoeia 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ed Royal Women’s Hospital Melbourne
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