

NEONATAL MEDICATION PROTOCOLS

CEPHALEXIN
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DRUG:	CEPHALEXIN									
PRESENTATION:	Oral suspension: 250mg/5mL									
ACTION & INDICATION:	First generation cephalosporin antibiotic For the treatment of susceptible organisms									
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PREPARATION:	<p>Please check brand before reconstituting mixture</p> <p>Oral suspension 250mg/5mL: Sandoz brand: Add 63mL of Water for Irrigation to the powder in the bottle. Aspen brand: Add 60mL of Water for Irrigation to the powder in the bottle.</p> <p>Shake well until dissolved</p>									
ADMINISTRATION:	Oral									
ADVERSE EFFECTS:	GI disturbances – nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea. Hypersensitivity									
COMMENTS:	Store reconstituted oral suspension in the refrigerator. Discard after 14 days									
REFERENCES:	BNF for Children 2013									
DATE:	August 2013									