

<b>DRUG:</b>	<b>CHLORAL HYDRATE</b>
<b>PRESENTATION:</b>	Oral solution: 100mg/ mL
<b>ACTION &amp; INDICATION:</b>	CNS depressant. In hypnotic use, produces quiet, deep sleep. Higher doses lead to general anaesthesia and concurrent depression of respiratory and vasomotor centres. Used as a sedative and hypnotic.
<b>DOSE:</b>	Sedative: 8 mg/kg/dose 6 - 8 hourly Hypnotic: 25 - 50 mg/kg/dose
<b>ADMINISTRATION:</b>	Oral
<b>ADVERSE EFFECTS:</b>	Gastric irritation - dilute dose well with milk or water Skin rashes, peripheral vasodilation, hypotension, myocardial depression Upper airway obstruction secondary to decreased pharyngeal tone
<b>COMMENTS:</b>	Rapidly absorbed, acting within 30 minutes.
<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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