

DRUG:	FERROUS SULPHATE
PRESENTATION:	Oral liquid: contains 150mg/5mL ferrous sulphate- equivalent to 30mg/5mL of elemental iron.
ACTION & INDICATION:	Iron Supplement, iron deficiency anaemia. For all infants born at less than 33 completed weeks gestation, starting at four weeks of age, when on full enteral feeds or prior to discharge or transfer, at the discretion of the Consultant Neonatologist.
DOSE:	Prophylaxis (if required, for fully breast-fed babies only): 0.15mL/kg per dose 12 hourly Treatment: 0.5mL/kg per dose 12 hourly
ADMINISTRATION:	Oral Preferably prior to a feed, otherwise administer with feeds.
ADVERSE EFFECTS:	Contraindicated in thalassaemia and anaemia not due to iron deficiency Nausea, GI irritation, constipation
COMMENTS:	Iron supplementation should not be started until adequate vitamin E is supplied in the diet. Contains 70% Sorbitol solution 100mg/mL Oral liquid does not contain alcohol
REFERENCES:	Paediatric Pharmacopoeia 13 th Ed Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne Neofax 2009
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