



NEONATAL MEDICATION PROTOCOLS

FOLIC ACID
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DRUG:	FOLIC ACID
PRESENTATION:	Ampoule: 5mg/mL Oral solution : 500 microgram/mL
ACTION & INDICATION:	B-group vitamin For megaloblastic anaemia or folic acid deficiency All preterm infants under 34 weeks gestation commencing at 2 weeks of age may be ordered daily folic acid at the discretion of the Consultant Neonatologist
DOSE:	50 microgram daily With erythropoietin therapy: 100microgram daily
PREPARATION:	Intravenous: Diluent: Water for Injections Take 0.2mL and dilute to 10mL with diluent. = 100 microgram/mL
ADMINISTRATION:	Oral: May be given at any time with regard to feeds. Intravenous: over 3-5 minutes Intramuscular
ADVERSE EFFECTS:	Allergic type reactions
REFERENCES:	Paediatric Pharmacopoeia 13 th Ed Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne BNF for Children 2013
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