



NEONATAL MEDICATION PROTOCOLS

MEDICATIONS NOT APPROVED FOR USE IN INFANTS

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ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATIONS NOT APPROVED FOR USE IN INFANTS

On occasions, infants may require the prescription of a medicine that is to be used “off-label”. The term “off-label” applies when a medicine is used in ways other than specified in the Australian Therapeutic Goods Administration approved Product Information; that is prescribed or administered

- For another indication
- At a different dose
- Via an alternate route of administration
- For a patient of an age or gender outside the registered use.

An “off-label” medication may be prescribed if there is a protocol for its’ use in the NCCU clinical guidelines (Neonatal Medication Protocols)

The Patient’s carer should be involved in decision making when recommending the use of an “off-label” medication and consent for use obtained.

Any request for the use of new medications in this category must be discussed with the Chief Pharmacist or the Drugs and Therapeutic Committee

REFERENCES:

1. King Edward Memorial and Princess Margaret Hospitals, Neonatology Clinical Care Unit (NCCU) Medication Protocols, August 2013
2. King Edward Memorial Hospitals Pharmacy Policy and Procedures Manual, 2013.
3. King Edward Memorial Hospital Policy W106 Use of Medications for other than manufacturer’s approved indications (non approve use, off label use)