

<b>DRUG:</b>	<b>METHYLDOPA</b>
<b>PRESENTATION:</b>	Oral Suspension: 25mg/mL (Prepared in Pharmacy).
<b>ACTION &amp; INDICATION:</b>	Centrally acting antihypertensive agent
<b>DOSE:</b>	Starting dose: 2.5mg/kg/dose 8 hourly Maximum dose: 15mg/kg/dose.
<b>ADMINISTRATION:</b>	Oral: May be given at any time with regard to feeds.
<b>ADVERSE EFFECTS:</b>	Hypotension Drowsiness Drug induced fever Can cause fluid and sodium retention, diuretic therapy may be necessary. Positive Coomb's test
<b>COMMENTS:</b>	Monitor blood pressure pre dose and 1/2 hourly post dose, continue until stabilised for 48 hours then twice daily. U & E's at commencement and after any change in therapy.
<b>REFERENCES:</b>	BNF for Children 2009
<b>DATE:</b>	January 2011