

DRUG:	NYSTATIN
PRESENTATION:	Suspension: 100,000 units/mL Cream or Ointment: 100,000 unit/g
ACTION & INDICATION:	Antifungal agent. For prophylaxis of systemic candida, or treatment of topical and oral candida infections.
DOSE:	<p>Prophylaxis : All infants who meet the following criteria, starting on the first day of life:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • < 27 weeks gestation and / or less than 750g • with central arterial/venous lines inserted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> UAC/UVC CVC Tunnelled lines (eg Broviac) Percutaneous central lines • Ventilated infants • Infants on CPAP • On antibiotic therapy > 2weeks until 48 hours after completion of course • Infants with tracheostomies until discharge from NCCU • Infants who are HIV positive until discharge from NCCU <p>0.5mL three times a day</p> <p>NB: Infants who have proven necrotising enterocolitis or who are post abdominal surgery will not receive nystatin for 3 days post diagnosis/surgery unless ordered in writing by a consultant.</p> <p>Treatment: Nystatin oral suspension 0.5mL - 1mL 6 hourly. Nystatin cream or ointment topically at each nappy change</p>
ADMINISTRATION:	<p>Half the required dose will be applied to the oral mucosa and half given via the oro/naso gastric tube followed by 0.3mL of sterile water.</p> <p>If the neonate has a coordinated suck / swallow reflex then the oral dose may be given orally via a syringe or teat.</p> <p>May be given to infants NBM</p>
REFERENCES:	Paediatric Pharmacopoeia 13 th Ed Royal Women's Hospital Melbourne
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