

DRUG:	OMEPRAZOLE
PRESENTATION:	Dispersible tablets: 10mg Oral suspension 2mg/mL (Prepared in Pharmacy)
ACTION & INDICATION:	Proton pump inhibitor. Reversibly reduces gastric acid secretion.
DOSE:	< 10kg: 5mg once daily 10-20kg 10mg once daily If using mixture via a small bore feeding tube the dose may be adjusted to 1.5mg/kg/dose once daily.
PREPARATION:	For 5mg doses, 10mg strength tablets may be halved. Disperse tablets in water and use within 30 minutes Do not crush tablets If the drug is to be administered via a small feeding tube, the Pharmacy will provide a mixture.
ADMINISTRATION:	Oral: May be given at any time with regard to feeds.
ADVERSE EFFECTS:	Generally well tolerated. GI side effects (diarrhoea, flatulence, vomiting) Rash, pruritis
REFERENCES:	Paediatric Pharmacopoeia 13 th Ed Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne Neofax 2008
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