

DRUG:	SOTALOL
PRESENTATION:	Oral Suspension: 10mg/mL (Prepared in Pharmacy). Ampoule: 10mg/mL 4mL
ACTION & INDICATION:	Non-cardioselective beta adrenergic blocking agent. For hypertension or the prevention and treatment of supraventricular and ventricular arrhythmias.
DOSE:	Oral: 1-2mg/kg/dose 12 hourly May increase to maximum dose of 4mg/kg/dose 12 hourly IV: 0.5-1.5mg/kg/dose 6 hourly
PREPARATION:	Diluent: 0.9% Sodium Chloride and Glucose solution. Supplied as 10mg/mL Take 1mL and dilute to 5mL = 2mg/mL.
ADMINISTRATION:	Intravenous: over at least 10 minutes. Oral: Administer on an empty stomach. Avoid milk.
ADVERSE EFFECTS	Arrhythmogenic effects including sinoatrial block, Torsades de Pointes, AV block, ventricular ectopic activity
COMMENTS:	Cardiac monitoring, including QT interval, should be performed during the first 3 to 4 days of treatment with sotalol
REFERENCES:	Neofax 2008 Paediatric Pharmacopoeia 13 th Ed Neonatal Pharmacopoeia 2 nd Ed Royal Women's Hospital
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