

DRUG:	CLINDAMYCIN
PRESENTATION:	Ampoule: 600mg/4mL
ACTION & INDICATION:	Antimicrobial agent which inhibits bacterial protein synthesis Effective against sensitive organisms including Mycoplasma hominis.
DOSE:	All pre-term and <7 days 5 mg to 7.5 mg/kg/dose every 12 hours ≤ 29weeks, >28days 5 - 7.5mg/kg/dose 8 hourly 30-36weeks >14 days 5 - 7.5mg/kg/dose 8 hourly 37-44 weeks > 7 days 5 - 7.5mg/kg/dose 8 hourly
PREPARATION:	Use solution prepared in Pharmacy if available. OR Withdraw 150mg (1mL) and dilute to 30mL = 150mg/30mL, that is, = 5mg/mL. May be further diluted if required Diluent: 0.9% Sodium chloride and glucose solutions.
ADMINISTRATION:	Intravenous infusion over 30 minutes
ADVERSE EFFECTS:	Nausea, vomiting, abdominal cramps, diarrhoea Pseudomembranous colitis Hypersensitivity reactions, rash Arrhythmias if administered too quickly
COMMENTS:	Ampoule contains benzyl alcohol 9mg/mL
REFERENCES:	Neofax 2008
DATE:	January 2011