**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
- ≤ 29 weeks, >28 days
  - 5 - 7.5mg/kg/dose 8 hourly
- 30-36 weeks, >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
= 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 2012

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