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<th>FERROUS SULPHATE</th>
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<td><strong>PRESENTATION:</strong></td>
<td>Oral liquid: contains 150mg/5mL ferrous sulphate- equivalent to 30mg/5mL of elemental iron.</td>
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<td><strong>ACTION &amp; INDICATION:</strong></td>
<td>Iron Supplement, iron deficiency anaemia. Iron supplements are not required for infants receiving infant formula or fortifier containing iron. All other infants born &lt;35weeks gestation on full milk feeds, starting not before 4 weeks of age, should receive iron supplements until 4 months corrected age</td>
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| **DOSE:** | **Prophylaxis (if required, for fully breast-fed babies only):** 0.2mL/kg per dose 12 hourly  
**Treatment:** 0.5mL/kg per dose 12 hourly |
| **ADMINISTRATION:** | Oral  
Preferably prior to a feed, otherwise administer with feeds. |
| **ADVERSE EFFECTS:** | Contraindicated in thalassaemia and anaemia not due to iron deficiency  
Nausea, GI irritation, constipation |
| **COMMENTS:** | Iron supplementation should not be started until adequate vitamin E is supplied in the diet.  
Contains 70% Sorbitol solution 100mg/mL  
Oral liquid does not contain alcohol |
| **REFERENCES:** | Paediatric Pharmacopoeia 13th Ed Royal Children’s Hospital Melbourne  
Neofax 2012  
ESPGHAN Guidelines 2013 |
| **DATE:** | August 2013 |