**DRUG:** FOLIC ACID  

**PRESENTATION:**  
- Ampoule: 5mg/mL  
- Oral solution: 500 microgram/mL  

**ACTION & INDICATION:**  
- B-group vitamin  
- For megaloblastic anaemia or folic acid deficiency  
- All preterm infants under 34 weeks gestation commencing at 2 weeks of age may be ordered daily folic acid at the discretion of the Consultant Neonatologist  

**DOSE:**  
- 50 microgram daily  
- With erythropoietin therapy: 100 microgram daily  

**PREPARATION:**  
- Intravenous: Diluent: Water for Injections  
- Take 0.2mL and dilute to 10mL with diluent.  
  = 100 microgram/mL  

**ADMINISTRATION:**  
- Oral: May be given at any time with regard to feeds.  
- Intravenous: over 3-5 minutes  
- Intramuscular  

**ADVERSE EFFECTS:**  
- Allergic type reactions  

**REFERENCES:**  
- Paediatric Pharmacopoeia 13th Ed Royal Children’s Hospital Melbourne  
- BNF for Children 2013  

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