

<b>DRUG:</b>	<b>FRUSEMIDE</b>
<b>PRESENTATION:</b>	Ampoule: 20mg / 2mL Oral Solution: 10mg / mL
<b>ACTION &amp; INDICATION:</b>	Diuretic. Adjunct therapy for chronic lung disease, congestive heart failure, renal failure. Oedema.
<b>DOSE:</b>	IV/IM: 0.5 - 1 mg / kg / dose 12 - 24 hourly  Oral: 0.5 - 2 mg / kg / dose 12 – 24 hourly. Dose may be increased to 6mg / kg / dose in resistant cases
<b>ADMINISTRATION:</b>	Oral: May be given at any time with regard to feeds. Intramuscular: As per NCCU policy. Intravenous: Over 3-5 minutes May be diluted with Water for Injections, Sodium Chloride 0.9%
<b>ADVERSE EFFECTS:</b>	Disturbance of water and electrolyte balance - monitor urea and electrolytes Consider addition of potassium sparing diuretic with prolonged therapy. Displaces bilirubin from albumin Potentially ototoxic Refrigerate oral solution. Discard 21 days after opening.
<b>REFERENCES:</b>	BNF for Children 2009 Paediatric Pharmacopoeia 13 <sup>th</sup> Ed Royal Women's Hospital Melbourne
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