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| **PRESENTATION:** | Individual patient syringes: (Contact Pharmacy for supply)  
Oral suspension: 25mg/mL |
| **ACTION & INDICATION:** | Antiviral preparation used for the management of cytomegalovirus infection (CMV) |
| **DOSE:** | IV: 5mg/kg/dose every 12 hours  
ORAL: 25mg/kg/dose every 6 hours  
Reference: Dr T Keil |
| **ADMINISTRATION:** | IV infusion: Over 1 hour  
Oral: Administer oral dose with feeds to enhance absorption |
| **ADVERSE EFFECTS:** | Neutropenia and thrombocytopenia have been reported frequently.  
Dose may need to be reduced.  
Fever, rash, abnormal liver function test results. Chills dysrhythmias and haematuria |
| **COMMENTS:** | Cytotoxic handling and disposal procedures should be followed.  
(Contact your ward pharmacist for information)  
Renally excreted – increase dose interval with renal impairment.  
Store oral suspension at room temperature. |
| **REFERENCES:** | Dr T Keil Microbiology KEMH  
Neofax 2012  
Paediatric Pharmacopoeia 13th Ed Royal Children’s Hospital Melbourne |
| **DATE:** | August 2013 |