**WOMEN AND NEWBORN HEALTH SERVICE**  
**Neonatology Clinical Care Unit (NCCU)**  
King Edward Memorial Hospital & Princess Margaret Hospital

**OMEPRAZOLE**  
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<th><strong>DRUG:</strong></th>
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| **PRESENTATION:** | Dispersible tablets: 10mg  
Oral suspension 2mg/mL (Prepared in Pharmacy) |
| **ACTION & INDICATION:** | Proton pump inhibitor. Reversibly reduces gastric acid secretion. |
| **DOSE:** | < 10kg: 5mg once daily  
10-20kg 10mg once daily  
If using mixture via a small bore feeding tube the dose may be adjusted to 1.5mg/kg/dose once daily. |
| **PREPARATION:** | For 5mg doses, 10mg strength tablets may be halved.  
Disperse tablets in water and use within 30 minutes  
Do not crush tablets  
If the drug is to be administered via a small feeding tube, the Pharmacy will provide a mixture. |
| **ADMINISTRATION:** | Oral: May be given at any time with regard to feeds. |
| **ADVERSE EFFECTS:** | Generally well tolerated.  
GI side effects (diarrhoea, flatulence, vomiting)  
Rash, pruritis |
| **REFERENCES:** | Paediatric Pharmacopoeia 13th Ed Royal Children’s Hospital, Melbourne |
| **DATE:** | October 2013 |