

DRUG:	PHENOXYBENZAMINE
PRESENTATION:	Ampoule: 100 mg/ 2mL
ACTION & INDICATION:	Blocks alpha-adrenergic receptors thus causing peripheral vasodilatation and a reduction in cardiac afterload.
DOSE:	Initial dose: 1 mg/kg Subsequent doses: 0.5 mg/kg/dose 6 - 12 hourly.
PREPARATION:	Diluent: Sodium Chloride 0.9%, glucose 5% Withdraw 1mL from ampoule and dilute to 5 mL = 10 mg/ mL May be further diluted if required as follows: Take 1 mL of 10 mg/mL solution and dilute to 10 mL = 1 mg/mL.
ADMINISTRATION:	IV: Infuse over 1 hour
ADVERSE EFFECTS:	Hypotension – discontinue if BP falls to unacceptable level.
COMMENTS:	Action lasts up to 48 hours. Volume expanders to be readily available. Noradrenaline may be used to counteract phenoxybenzamine effects. Infuse at 0.1-0.2microgram/kg/minute (see Noradrenaline protocol)
REFERENCES:	BNF for Children 2009
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