Government of Western Australia
North Metropolitan Health Service
Women and Newborn Health Service

ADULT MEDICATION GUIDELINE	
Pantoprazole	
Scope (Staff):	All WNHS Staff
Scope (Area):	Obstetrics and Gynaecology
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Restrictions

Formulary: Restricted (granules)

Formulary: Unrestricted

Medication Class

Proton pump inhibitor

Presentation

Tablet: 20mg, 40mg

Granules: 40mg per sachet

Vials: 40mg

Storage

Tablet: Store at room temperature, below 25°C

Granules: Store at room temperature, below 25°C

Vial: Store at room temperature, below 25°C. Protect from light.

Dose

Peptic Ulcer Disease (PUD) or Gastric Oesophageal Reflux Disease (GORD)

IV/Oral:

Initially 40mg once daily for 4-8 weeks, then reduce to minimum required dose

Prevention of NSAID-associated dyspepsia

Oral:

20mg once daily

Helicobacter Pylori eradication:

Oral:

40mg twice daily (with two antibacterial agents)

Emergency Caesarean Section (ECS) when famotidine IV is not available

IV:

40mg without delay, once decision is made for ECS

Administration

IV:

Refer to the Australian Injectable Drugs Handbook

Oral

Tablet: Swallow tablet whole, do not crush or chew. For symptom control, tablet is best taken half an hour before most troublesome meal.

Granules: Do not crush or chew. Mix in a small amount of apple or orange juice, or water, and take immediately on an empty stomach, 30 minutes before food

Monitoring

Assess ongoing PPI use regularly – if symptoms are well controlled after at least 4-8 weeks of treatment, consider stepping down therapy

Pregnancy

1st Trimester: Consider alternative

2nd Trimester: Considered safe to use

3rd Trimester: Considered safe to use

There is limited information available regarding the use of pantoprazole during pregnancy. It has not been associated with an increased risk for major malformations, spontaneous abortions, or preterm delivery.

If a proton pump inhibitor is required, **omeprazole** is the preferred medicine of choice, as more fetal safety data is available.

For more information, please contact KEMH Obstetric Medicines Information Service.

Breastfeeding

Considered safe to use

Related Policies, Procedures & Guidelines

Caesarean birth

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