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

ADULT MEDICATION GUIDELINE	
PHENOXYMETHYLPENICILLIN (PENICILLIN V)	
Scope (Staff):	All WNHS Staff
Scope (Area):	Obstetrics and Gynaecology
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Restrictions

Formulary: Unrestricted

Medication Class

Penicillins (*Narrow spectrum*)

Presentation

Powder for Suspension: 150 mg/5 mL

Tablet: 500 mg

Capsule: 250 mg

Storage

Store at room temperature, below 25°C

Capsules: Protect from light and moisture

Reconstituted suspension: To be Refrigerated

Dose

Indications as per eTG

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Administration

Oral:

Take on an empty stomach, preferably an hour before food

Monitoring

Diarrhoea, rash, candidiasis

Monitor complete blood count and renal and hepatic function during prolonged high dose treatment

Pregnancy

1st Trimester: Safe to use

2nd Trimester: Safe to use

3rd Trimester: Safe to use

Breastfeeding

Safe to breastfeed (may cause loose bowel actions in the child)

Comments

Contraindicated with a history of immediate (e.g. urticaria, bronchospasm, anaphylaxis) or severe (e.g. interstitial nephritis) hypersensitivity to a penicillin.

Related Policies, Procedures & Guidelines

WNHS Policy:

Antimicrobial Stewardship

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