



NEONATAL MEDICATION PROTOCOLS

SORBITOL
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DRUG:	SORBITOL
PRESENTATION:	Oral solution. Sorbitol 70%
ACTION & INDICATION:	Used for treatment of constipation. Has an osmotic laxative effect and works by osmotically drawing water into the small bowel.
DOSE:	0.2 - 0.5mL/kg/dose, 1 - 3 times daily.
ADMINISTRATION:	Oral: Give one hour before or three hours after food.
ADVERSE EFFECTS:	Flatulence, abdominal distension, cramping, nausea, diarrhoea hyponatraemia.
COMMENTS:	There may be a delay of 2 to 3 days between administration and normal defaecation.
REFERENCES:	Shann. Drug Doses 13 th Ed 2005
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