



ADULT MEDICATION GUIDELINE

SODIUM FUSIDATE

Scope (Staff):	All WNHS Staff
Scope (Area):	Obstetrics and Gynaecology

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Medication Class

Narrow-spectrum antibacterial mainly active against *Staphylococcus aureus*.

Presentation

Tablet: 250mg

Storage

Store at room temperature, below 25°C

Dose

Serious *S. aureus* infections

Oral:

500 - 1000mg every 8 to 12 hours

Always use in combination with Rifampicin to reduce the risk of resistance developing (except in mild skin and soft tissue infections)

Administration

Oral:

This medicine is absorbed best if taken on an empty stomach (1 hour before, or 2 hours after, food). If it upsets your stomach, it can be taken with or shortly after food. Swallow tablets whole.

Monitoring

Monitor liver function tests in people taking high doses, in prolonged treatment, or if there is pre-existing hepatic impairment

Pregnancy

1st Trimester: Consider alternative

2nd Trimester: Considered safe to use

3rd Trimester: Considered safe to use

Breastfeeding

Considered safe to use

Comments

Resistance develops rapidly if used alone; always combine sodium fusidate with another agent, eg rifampicin, to reduce this risk (except in mild skin and soft tissue infections)

Related Policies, Procedures & Guidelines









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