

# Metronidazole

**FORM** Oral Suspension 200mg/5ml

**INDICATION** Treatment of Necrotising Enterocolitis (when oral absorption considered normal)  
Treatment of other infections where guidelines or sensitivities indicate

**DOSE RANGE**

AGE	DOSE	FREQUENCY	ROUTE
Birth to 2 months	7.5mg/kg	TWICE daily	Oral
2months – 6 months	7.5mg/kg	THREE times daily	Oral

**CAUTIONS, CONTRA-INDICATIONS AND SIDE EFFECTS**

- See Summary of Product Characteristics and most recent edition of BNF for Children (links below)

**FURTHER INFORMATION** Contains metronidazole benzoate  
Contains sorbitol

**LICENSED STATUS** Licensed in all ages

**LINKS** [BNF for Children:](#) / [Electronic Medicines Compendium](#)

**APPLICABLE POLICIES** [West of Scotland Neonatal Guidelines:](#)

Consult local policy if applicable

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Dose may vary depending on indication, age, renal function, hepatic function, and concomitant medications.  
This monograph should be used in conjunction with the package insert, BNF for Children, and Summary of Product Characteristics. For further advice contact your clinical pharmacist or pharmacy department.