

Paracetamol – Analgesia/Pyrexia

See most recent edition on BNFC for advice on maximum doses and treatment of therapeutic excess

FORM Oral Suspension 120mg/5ml
Suppositories 30mg, 60mg, 125mg (see local centre for available strengths)

INDICATION Pain Relief, Pyrexia

DOSE RANGE

By Mouth

AGE	DOSE	FREQUENCY	ROUTE
Neonate 28-32 weeks gestation	10-15mg/kg (Max 30mg/kg in 24 hours)	Every 8-12 hours	Oral
Neonate > 32 weeks gestation	10-15mg/kg (Max 60mg/kg in 24 hours)	Every 6-8 hours	
Child 1 month- 6 months	10-15mg/kg (Max 60mg per dose)	Every 6-8 hours (Max 4 doses in 24 hours)	

By Rectum

AGE	DOSE	FREQUENCY	ROUTE
Neonate 28-32 weeks gestation	10-15mg/kg (Max 30mg/kg in 24 hours)	Every 12 hours	Rectal
Neonate > 32 weeks gestation to 1 month	15-20mg/kg (Max 60mg/kg in 24 hours)	Every 8 hours	
Child 1 month- 3months	30 – 60mg (Max 60mg/kg in 24 hours)	Every 8 hours	
Child 3 month- 6months	60mg	Every 6 hours (Max 4 doses in 24 hours)	

CAUTIONS, CONTRA-INDICATIONS AND SIDE EFFECTS

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

FURTHER INFORMATION

- Use with caution in liver dysfunction
- Reduce dose and increase dosing interval in babies with unconjugated hyperbilirubinaemia (suggested dose schedule 5mg/kg every 8-12 hours)

LICENSED STATUS

Oral suspension not licensed for use in children under 2 months
Rectal suppositories not licensed for children under 3 months
30mg suppositories unlicensed special

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.