

Rifampicin

****Baseline liver function tests (LFT's) should be performed before commencing treatment****

FORM 100mg in 5ml oral syrup

INDICATION

1. Treatment of tuberculosis (not as monotherapy)
2. Treatment of severe infections where sensitivities indicate

DOSE RANGE

1. Treatment of Tuberculosis (unsupervised schedule)

AGE	DOSE	FREQUENCY	ROUTE
Birth to 6 months	15mg/kg/dose	ONCE daily	Oral

2. Treatment of infections where sensitivities indicate

AGE	DOSE	FREQUENCY	ROUTE
Birth to 6 months	10mg/kg/dose	TWICE 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

- Parents should be counselled to seek medical advice immediately if infant shows any signs of liver disorder e.g. vomiting, malaise, fever or jaundice.
- Rifampicin enhances the metabolism of many drugs including some antifungals, corticosteroid, antiarrhythmics and phenytoin.
- Rifampicin stains urine, sweat and tears orange/red.
- Treatment should be given for 6 months for tuberculosis
- For treatment of TB: to be given in combination with Isoniazid and Pyrazinamide
- Do not use in patients with rare hereditary problems of fructose intolerance, glucose- galactose malabsorption or sucrose-isomaltase insufficiency

LICENSED STATUS Licensed use

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.